

Soviets see consensus on Mideast

WASHINGTON (R) — A Soviet official said Wednesday he believed there was an international consensus for convening a Middle East peace conference backed by both the United States and the Soviet Union. "You know this question has been discussed for a number of months already," Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said on U.S. television. "But what is new today is that I think the international consensus now has appeared with regard to convening this." He did not elaborate. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir opposes the plan and comments by Petrovsky last week suggested there was still disagreement on terms for Arab-Israeli peace talks under auspices of such a conference. Petrovsky said then that the conference should have power to enforce resolutions but the United States and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres favour a conference that could not impose solutions on either Israel or the Arabs. Secretary of State George Shultz has been pressing a peace process that includes a non-binding peace conference.

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Israelis capture 4 commandos

BEIRUT (R) — Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) issued a statement warning Israel not to harm four of its fighters captured after a skirmish early Wednesday. "We warn the Zionist enemy against harming our heroes and ask it to treat them according to international laws on prisoners of war," it said, adding that if the four were harmed or treated badly "we will punish the enemy and its agents." The PFLP said the Palestinians were caught after clashing in north Israel with Israeli troops and inflicting several casualties. The Israeli army said Israeli troops intercepted a four-man Palestinian squad attempting to infiltrate into Israel before dawn Wednesday. Three of the Palestinians were wounded in a brief firefight before the squad surrendered, while the Israeli troops suffered no casualties, an army spokesman said. They were captured in southern Lebanon, north of Israel's self-declared "security zone" and opposite the Israeli border settlement of Kfar Yuval, five kilometres northeast of Kiryat Shmona, the army said. In a brief communique, the army said its troops "foiled an attempt by a guerrilla squad which tried to infiltrate Israel and launch (an) attack against one of the civilian settlements in the north."

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Kuwait urges Western follow-up on Mideast

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait Wednesday urged the leaders of seven top industrial nations who met in Toronto this week to put words into action and work for the convening of a Middle East peace conference. Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, commenting on the Toronto summit, told reporters, "We are happy with this statement which is a positive development in the position of these countries towards Arab causes and their understanding of the situation in the occupied territories." The leaders expressed support for an international peace conference.

Kremlin hints it will expel Canadians

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union hinted strongly Wednesday that it would expel some Canadian citizens in response to Canada's expulsion of 17 Soviet diplomats. Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference: "The provocation of the Canadian authorities naturally will not remain without due reply" (see earlier story on page 8).

Greece charges detained Arab

ATHENS (R) — An Arab detained on an Israel-bound ferry with a car packed with weaponry was charged Wednesday with smuggling and possessing weapons and explosives, police said. The man, identified by the government as Omar Mohammad Sofareny who carried a West German passport, was seized Monday as the ferry was about to leave Piraeus for Haifa. In his car, police discovered a pistol, ammunition, two silencers, 20 detonators, and materials that could be used for explosive charges.

'15 hostages held in Hizbollah barracks'

LONDON (AP) — Syria has located the place in Lebanon where 15 foreign hostages are believed held by Iranian-backed extremists, the Independent newspaper reported Wednesday. The London daily quoted unidentified Syrian intelligence officers as saying the hostages are imprisoned inside the Hay Madi barracks of Hizbollah (Party of God), in Beirut's southern suburbs (British MPs secure Iranian pledge, page 5).

Israeli team due in Moscow in July

MOSCOW (AP) — A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday a five-member Israeli consular delegation would visit Moscow during the last two weeks of July in the first diplomatic visit from the Zionist state in 21 years. Gennady Gerasimov said at a press briefing the delegation consists of the diplomats, plus a spouse, and that their visas will permit them to stay in the Soviet Union for two months.

U.S., Oman discuss investments

MUSCAT (R) — U.S. envoy Richard Murphy held talks with an Omani official Wednesday on ways of encouraging American investment in the sultanate, the official Oman News Agency reported. Murphy, an assistant secretary of state and a Middle East specialist, discussed private sector investments in Oman with Mohammad Ibn Musa Al Youssef, under-secretary for financial affairs.

U.S. ship stages rescue in Gulf

BAHRAIN (AP) — An American missile cruiser on anti-aircraft patrol duty off the Saudi Arabian coast rescued six crewmen from a Greek oil rig supply boat that later sank, U.S. officials said Wednesday. The supply craft, identified as the Notora, apparently foundered because of a leak in its engine room, according to its captain, Charles Boyd, a spokesman for the U.S. central command, said the missile cruiser Halsey went to the Notora's aid after it radioed a distress signal Tuesday, 65 kilometres northeast of the Saudi Arabian oil port at Ras Tanura.

Turkey on alert after arms report

ANKARA (R) — Turkey is investigating a report that a squad of Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Turks planned to smuggle in weapons and explosives to attack foreign missions in the country, officials said Wednesday. "An investigation has started. We are taking the matter seriously," a senior official told Reuters from the eastern province of Erzurum. The mass-circulation daily Hurriyet said an Iranian claiming to be a member of Iran's secret police told its Erzurum reporter six Revolutionary Guards and five Turks planned to link up with members of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) in Turkey.

Egyptian lawyers plan strike

CAIRO (R) — More than 70,000 lawyers will stage a one-day strike in Egypt next Tuesday to protest against alleged police violence in the courtroom, their union leader said Wednesday. Ahmad Al Khawaga, chairman of the bar association, told a news conference they would boycott courts because of "police beatings of lawyers trying to defend their clients in court."

Haiti detains some after coup

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — Haiti's new military government is holding some prisoners in the aftermath of the army coup, the information minister said Wednesday. Colonel Acedius St. Louis confirmed over the independent radio Antilles that an unspecified number of prisoners had been held since the coup late Sunday overthrew the four-month-old civilian government of President Leslie Manigat.

Drug smugglers, addicts held in Iran

NICOSIA (R) — Iranian Revolutionary Guards have arrested hundreds of drug smugglers and addicts in a crackdown in Tehran province this week, Tehran Radio said Wednesday. It said they also seized more than 520 kilograms of drugs, including 495 kilos of opium and four kilos of heroin in the sweep which began Monday.

U.S. to send more troops to Panama

PANAMA CITY (R) — The United States is sending 250 more troops to Panama as part of moves to boost security for U.S. installations here, a spokesman for the U.S. southern command said Wednesday. Colonel Ronald Sconyers told Reuters the additional troops are support personnel needed "to round out" the buildup of security forces that began last March amid rising tensions between Washington and military leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Iran-contra suit set for trial

MIAMI (R) — Iran-contra figures, arms merchants and former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officials go on trial next week in a \$24 million lawsuit accusing them of plotting murders and running an arms-for-drugs smuggling network. The suit, filed by the Christic Institute, a liberal legal-aid group, alleges that the CIA backed "secret wars" in Nicaragua, Cuba, South-east Asia and the Middle East. The charges read like the script of a James Bond movie. Christic attorneys say the trial will expose a massive criminal conspiracy that can be traced back three decades.

Japanese foreign minister due today

By Nermeen Murad
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AMMAN — Japan's minister for foreign affairs arrives in Amman Thursday on a 24-hour visit as a part of a Middle East tour aimed at assessing how Japan can help efforts for peace in the region. Soudouke Uno, who began his Middle East tour in Syria Wednesday, is expected to hold talks with senior Jordanian officials and discuss the latest developments in the Middle East as well as bilateral relations.

According to an information official at the Japanese embassy here, Uno's talks with the leaders of Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Israel were aimed at "seeking a role for Japan in a Middle East settlement."

The official said that Japan considered Jordan as "the most important country in the Middle

East because of the stability of the Kingdom."

Uno will be the first Japanese foreign minister to visit Israel where he is expected to meet with President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

According to the Japanese embassy official, Uno aims "to have an exchange of views over the Middle East problem and to try to persuade Shamir to withdraw" from Arab territories occupied in 1967. The official added that Uno would also attempt to persuade Shamir to take "a more flexible position towards an international conference" on the Middle East conflict.

The official said Uno's visit to Israel did not indicate any change in Japan's basic policy in the Middle East, he said. "We support the Arabs," he said.



Soudouke Uno

Uno, who attended the Western economic summit which concluded in Toronto, Canada, Tuesday, will be leaving Amman to Israel Friday. His talks here are also expected to cover the stand taken by the Toronto summit on the Arab-Israeli conflict and other regional issues.

Israelis attend Amsterdam conference along with PLO

TEL AVIV (AP) — A delegation including Israeli peace activists challenged a two-year-old law by attending a conference along with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) observers, a participant said Wednesday.

The delegates could face three years in jail if they were found to have violated a law passed in August 1986 which bars Israelis from meeting with members of the PLO.

In the first test case last month, a court convicted four Israelis for meeting with PLO officials in Comstesti, Romania, in November 1986. The four have not yet been sentenced.

Moshe Amirav, an Israeli delegate, told the AP the Israeli group attended the three-day symposium last week with Palestinian academics at the invitation of the Free University in Amsterdam.

Two PLO officials, Afif Safieh and Iman Halsey, attended the conference as observers but did not take part in its proceedings, he said.

"The law is stupid. But we will continue meeting in such a way that we won't be able to be ac-

cused of anything," Amirav said, adding that none of the delegate had been summoned for police questioning.

The daily Hadashot reported that Amirav met with the PLO officials, but Amirav denied the report.

Other sources, however, said some members of the Israeli delegation did meet with the PLO officials. The sources, who also attended the conference, declined to elaborate or be identified.

Amirav said the other Israeli delegates included Nitzza Shapira-Libai of the Labour Party, former advisor to then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres on women's affairs, former left-wing legislator Meir Pail and human rights lawyers Naomi Chazan and David Kretzmer.

Amirav is a former activist in the right-wing Likud bloc who was drummed out of his party for advocating direct talks with the PLO and far-reaching self-rule for the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

He enraged party leaders last year by meeting with Faisal Husseini, a resident of Arab Jeru-

salem billed by the Israeli occupation authorities as the PLO's representative in the occupied West Bank.

Amirav, now a member of the liberal Centre Party, said the Israelis found the Palestinian academics surprisingly "moderate."

They said the PLO was ready to recognise Israel and end the Middle East conflict in return for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, he said.

"We were stunned by their attitude," he said. "They said they recognised Israel and believed there should be two independent states."

It was the third known group of Israelis to attend a forum with PLO officials and the first to include moderate participants more representative of the Israeli consensus.

The other groups openly defied the law and met directly with Palestinian officials, arguing that the PLO was not a "terrorist" organisation as contended by Israeli political leaders.

Carbomb kills 1 in east Beirut; Palestinians continue clashes

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A car bomb in east Beirut killed one person and wounded 18 Wednesday, while Palestinian groups battled in the city's devastated refugee camps in a savage power struggle that has claimed over 50 lives.

A police spokesman said a green Mercedes-Benz sedan loaded with 22 kilograms of explosives detonated at 11 a.m.

(0800 GMT) in the Karantina district, killing a civilian and wounding 18 others.

That raised to 94 people killed and 251 wounded in six car bombings in Lebanon this year by police count.

The police spokesman said the bomb which exploded in a narrow alleyway set six shops ablaze and damaged eight cars parked nearby.

Firefighters put out the blazes while ambulances evacuated the casualties to hospitals.

The Lebanese Forces, the main right-wing militia which controls east Beirut, said its explosive experts defused another car bomb in Karantina minutes before it was timed to explode.

The Lebanese Forces said in a statement that the car, a BMW, contained a 10-kg timebomb.

"The BMW was meant to explode shortly after the first car bomb to inflict as many casualties as possible among rescuers," the statement said.

But police could not confirm that there was a second car bomb.

The Lebanese Forces blamed Wednesday's bombing, as well as previous car bombings in east Beirut, on a rival militia led by Elie Hobeika, a Syrian-backed Christian leader.

"We accuse Elie Hobeika and his gang who have practised and continue to practise the cold blooded killing of innocents as the only means they have to prove they still exist," it said.

Samir Geagea wrestled the leadership of the Lebanese Forces from Hobeika in bloody street fighting that swept east Beirut in January, 1986.

Hobeika's fall from power came two weeks after he, along with two other militia chiefs, gathered in Damascus and signed a Syrian-backed pact which would have ended the war by giving Muslims a bigger share of power.

The accord fell through when President Amin Gemayel, whose term ends in September, refused to endorse it.

Police said five people were killed and 18 wounded in clashes between the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Fatah faction and Syrian-backed dissidents of Saeed Musa's Fatah-Uprising for control of the Shatilla and Bourj Al Barajneh camps.

Forest fires, general strike, widespread protests in occupied West Bank, Gaza

Uprising gains new momentum

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Fires blamed on Palestinian resistance activists destroyed wide areas of forests Wednesday and wave of stone-throwing protests signalled a fresh momentum in the six-month-old Palestinian uprising.

A special alert by Israeli police, firefighters and volunteers managed to block more widespread arson on a day when underground Palestinian leaflets called for burning Israeli forests and factories, said a spokesman for the agency that manages forests.

But Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir contended that the fires and attacks on Israeli settlers were part of a new wave of violence aimed at destroying the Zionist state.

"There is a wave of aggression, whether arson or murder, against the Jewish presence everywhere in the land of Israel," Shamir told Israeli army radio. "The problem is one of survival."

In the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, most businesses and schools were shut by a general strike called for in leaflets issued by the uprising's underground leadership.

An Israeli woman was injured when Palestinians stood in the middle of a West Bank highway and stoned an Israeli bus. Israel

radio reported. It said the bus was also hit by a firebomb but not set ablaze.

The largest fire scorched 50 acres of woodlands in Mt. Gilboa, 120 kilometres north of

Jerusalem, some of it part of a reforestation programme. The blaze began overnight.

Arsonists believed to be Palestinians set fire to fields between the village of Kafr Kassem and the West Bank town of Qalqilya, police said.

Fires were also started in two areas east of the coastal town of Ashkelon. Police said at least one was started by arsonists.

Four other fires raged through fields in other parts, but police

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Amnesty urges inquiry into Israeli tear-gas use

LONDON (Agencies) — Amnesty International urged Israel Thursday to investigate reports that use of tear-gas by its troops in the occupied territories had helped kill at least 40 men, women and babies.

The London-based international human rights organisation said Israeli soldiers had thrown or fired tear-gas intended for open air use into houses, clinics, schools, hospitals and mosques in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Local medical staff reported in the past few months that tear-gas appeared to have caused or con-

tributed to the deaths of more than 40 Palestinians, it said. "Almost all the alleged victims belonged to sections of the populations vulnerable to tear-gas inhalation — babies, the elderly and sick people, particularly those with respiratory diseases," it said.

Amnesty said it had little clinical evidence of tear-gas related deaths for several reasons.

Palestinians were wary about agreeing to post-mortems on relatives for religious and other reasons, and hospitals in the

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Iraqis take strategic peaks; Iran rebels evacuate Mehran

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said Wednesday it had recaptured four strategic mountain peaks and 20 other heights in three days of fighting with Iranian forces in northeastern Iraq.

A high command communique read over Baghdad television said troops of the First Army Corps launched a "sweeping offensive" at midnight Monday in the rugged Kurdish area.

They had driven the Iranians from strategic areas captured by Iran three months ago near the northeastern city of Sulaymaniyah.

The communique said Iraqi troops recaptured Safra and Basawa and the strategic mountains of Karda Rash and Parda Sour, along with surrounding peaks.

A communique telexed from the rebel headquarters in Baghdad to the Jordan Times in Amman Wednesday said the rebel forces pulled out of Mehran and back across the border into Iraq Tuesday night.

Further south in the Gulf war battlefield, Iraqi-based Iranian rebels said they have pulled back from a border town seized in a three-day offensive into western Iran, along with an arsenal of captured tanks, missiles and other hardware worth an estimated \$2 billion.

The offensive, codenamed

"Operation Forty Stars," was the rebels' biggest assault since they formed the National Liberation Army (NLA) a year ago around the Mujahedeen-e-Kholf, the main Iranian movement opposed to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The communique claimed

8,000 Iranian regular troops and Revolutionary Guards were killed or wounded and more than 1,500 captured.

By the NLA's account, that totalled more than half of the

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Moscow militia warns against demonstrations

MOSCOW (R) — The Moscow militia said Wednesday it would break up unauthorised demonstrations during next week's Communist Party conference.

"Our reaction will be tough whenever unplanned meetings and demonstrations have a patently provocative nature," a militia spokesman told a news conference.

TASS quoted the unnamed spokesman as saying the militia were aware of plans being laid for various protests but that no-one would be allowed to demonstrate without a city permit.

"Democracy means neither permissiveness nor anarchy. We won't allow a breach of the peace of Moscow residents," he said.

Among the groups who TASS said were known to be planning protests were people who had been refused exit visas and Crimean Tatars who want a Tatar

republic established in their traditional homeland.

A Moscow spokeswoman for the Crimean Tatars, Elvira Ablayeva, said Tuesday that police had already turned back several groups of Tatars who had tried to enter the capital.

She said they were carrying a petition for the party conference calling for the restoration of the autonomous Crimean Tatar republic on the Black Sea peninsula.

Under Soviet law, Moscow authorities must be informed about the time, place and goals of demonstrations, the militia spokesman said.

"If a meeting or demonstration is allowed, it will be held without the militia's interference."

"If no permission is given, it is the duty of militia to stop it in full compliance with the norms of law," he said.

Paris clears way for reshuffle

PARIS (R) — President Francois Mitterrand has formally accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Michel Rocard's Socialist government effective from midnight Wednesday, according to an official announcement.

Rocard, who made the announcement at the end of a cabinet meeting, tendered his resignation June 14 immediately after the inconclusive general election, but was asked to stay in a caretaker capacity.

The resignation paves the way for a government reshuffle expected next week, but Mitterrand has already said he will keep Rocard as prime minister.

The timing of the resignation was dictated by technical reasons connected with the opening of the new parliament Thursday.

Under the French constitution, serving ministers may not vote in parliament — a rule which would have deprived the Socialists of badly needed votes if the government had remained in place.

Rocard, a leading moderate in the Socialist Party, named his government May 12 in the wake of Mitterrand's reelection as president for a new seven-year term.

But his first administration was never expected to last beyond the general election which Mitterrand called in an unsuccessful bid to install a working Socialist majority in parliament.

The Socialists are 13 seats short of a working majority in the National Assembly (lower house of parliament) and need support from either the Communists or centrists for any bills they put to a vote.

Rocard is expected to make a policy statement to parliament June 29 but he will not seek a vote of confidence on his new minority government's programme.

No major bills are to be presented to parliament in its two-week session before the summer break.

But the Socialists need to muster

maximum voting strength Thursday to ensure the election of former Prime Minister Laurent Fabius to the influential post of speaker.

The Socialists are confident that they can rule with a minority government because the constitution gives the executive an arsenal of measures to short cut parliamentary opposition.

Centre-right former Prime Minister Raymond Barre gave the Socialists a boost by breaking ranks with the right and proclaiming his readiness to support the government in certain cases.

Barre's office announced he was joining a new centrist parliamentary group formed by the Social Democratic centre party, until now a member of the centre-right alliance.

In a statement, it said Barre would sit as a member of the opposition but "support the work of the Socialist government whenever he believes it to be in the national interest."

Friends of In'ash Al Usrah seek world condemnation of Israel for closing offices

By Rania Atalla
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AMMAN — Friends of the In'ash Al Usrah, a West Bank charitable society, put out an appeal Wednesday to individuals and human rights associations around the world urging them to condemn the Israeli authorities' closure of the society's office in the village of Al Birah three days ago.

"All honourable nations... all free people... all human rights organisations... the appeal started. 'We urge you to condemn the Israeli crimes and to stop evicting the Palestinians from their homes... We urge you to join hands with us and enforce measures on the Israeli authorities to allow the In'ash to operate in the occupied territories once more.'

The appeal urged individuals and human rights organisations to

prevent the closure of charitable associations that "aim to help the wounded, (and) reach out to the needy."

Being one of the largest charitable societies in the occupied territories, the letter read, In'ash Al Usrah "renders daily services to hundreds of beneficiaries in order to secure the survival of their children, provide them with education, and try to heal the sick especially those suffering from malnutrition."

The Israeli army Monday welded shut the doors of the society for two years, accusing its director of indoctrinating students and participating in violent demonstrations. It was the first charitable society to be ordered shut since the Palestinian uprising began more than six months ago.

The letter said although In'ash Al Usrah is a non-governmental organisation, it acts "like a government establishment," providing a number of activities and projects.

Arab chemists visit University of Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Participants in the 8th conference of the Arab Chemists Federation being held in Amman Wednesday visited the University of Jordan and met with its president, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali. Dr. Majali briefed them on the university's developments and its future programmes.

Majali also answered questions put to him by the visitors on the

progress of higher education in Jordan.

The delegates who concluded their meeting Wednesday discussed the development of chemistry as a subject matter for schools and universities, petro-chemical industries in the Arab World and other topics related to the employment of chemistry in the process of development.

Rawabdeh meets press

AMMAN (Petra) — Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh Wednesday met with the president and members of the board of the Jordan Press Association (JPA) to discuss the organisation of newspaper distribution in Amman.

The mayor agreed to a proposal by JPA for setting up stalls in

Amman suburbs for selling newspapers.

A JPA official said that plans will now be laid down for carrying out the project.

JPA President Rakan Majali and his board members voiced appreciation to the mayor for his support of this project.

It said the society provides aid to 12,000 Palestinian families, sponsors the education of 900 children of martyrs and detainees in the occupied territories, cares for 140 orphaned girls, and covers educational expenses for 300 Palestinian students at universities in and outside occupied Palestine.

According to the letter, in order to preserve Palestinian heritage and develop skills among women, In'ash Al Usrah provides embroidery projects for women in 85 villages (65 before the uprising started).

One of the 12-member committee of the friends of In'ash Al Usrah Society in Amman commented on the issue: "The Israeli authorities will close down anything that allows the (Palestinian) people to stand on their own feet and live dignified in their land," the woman, who refused to be identified by name, said. "Unless this comes out in the open and the whole world knows about it, other similar actions will follow."

She added that a week before the authorities closed down the society's office, the society's Director Samiha Al Khalil, a sixty-year-old woman, was held for interrogation for ten hours on a daily basis.

According to agency reports, Khalil said her organisation

helped girls and women in distress and was not involved in illegal activities.

Khalil told reporters Monday that the Israeli army broke into the building and seized large quantities of material without giving her a receipt of what was taken.

She denied charges that she preached anti-Semitism, saying: "Like all of the Palestinian society, I am against occupation, not against Jews. On the contrary, we reach out to the Jews," she said.

Agencies reported that before the Israeli soldiers raided the building and confiscated books, letters and educational materials.

A source close to the society told the Jordan Times the Israeli army brutally beat the girls at the centre before they shut the building down. "Where else in the world does a thing as brutal as this take place?" she asked.

She said that Khalil had recently been awarded the "Distinguished Palestinian Woman Award" but was prevented by Israeli authorities from going to Italy to receive the award.

According to the source, families of 4,000 women who work on traditional embroidery benefit from the society. Another 300 students and 7,000 individuals and their families (averaging 10 in

a family) also benefit from the society.

Furthermore, the society employs 135 individuals in its administration offices and cares for 135 orphaned girls. A large number of individuals "in distress" also resort to the society for help.

"This is not a charitable society as such," the source said. "It operates on the principle of development... Teaching people to work and support themselves. The Israelis know this and are therefore working against it to keep the Palestinians miserable."

The source said that the society also runs a well established biscuit factory and has recently set up a frozen vegetables factory that is expected to employ a large number of people, most of whom would have no other means to support themselves.

In'ash Al Usrah is a humanitarian organisation that has nothing to do with politics. Yet the Israelis have closed it down because to them, it has been a spike in the throat," the source said.

According to the society's booklet, In'ash Al Usrah was founded in 1965 and at present runs 15 centres for literacy classes, a kindergarten for 148 children between the ages of three and six, secretarial courses for 55 girls, as well as a library with 5,561 books.

Ministry to open new centre in Tafileh to purchase cereals

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A central committee at the Ministry of Agriculture, charged with purchasing cereals from local farmers, met here Wednesday under the chairmanship of the Ministry Secretary General Salem Al Lawzi to discuss arrangements for buying grains from local producers.

A statement at the end of the meeting said that the committee decided to open a new centre to purchase cereals at the Tafileh Governorate to start operations on Saturday for a period of 15

days. The committee decided to close down the Deir Alla centre as of July 7, when it would complete its work, and asked officials in charge to submit lists of names of farmers selling their crop to the ministry by July 15.

The ministry had set up centres at Jweideh, Rabbeh, and the Jordan Valley, to purchase cereals from farmers at JD 144 for a tonne of wheat, JD 90 for a tonne of barley, JD 180 for a tonne of lentils and JD 170 for a tonne of chick peas.

The prices are all subsidised so that farmers can be encouraged to step up their efforts and increase their output, according to Lawzi.

Harvest normally starts in June especially in the southern regions of the country, and ends in mid July.

According to Lawzi, Jordan is expected to harvest some 80,000 tonnes of wheat which, he says, is relatively good but falls short of meeting the country's need of approximately 450,000 tonnes annually.



HINDAWI WITH UAE AIDE: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thagwan Hindawi conferred in his office Wednesday with Salem Al Ghamdi, deputy minister of education in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), who handed the minister a message from Hindawi's UAE counterpart dealing with educational relations between Jordan and the Emirates. Hindawi and Ghamdi discussed cooperation between the two countries in educational fields and the secondment of Jordanian teachers to the UAE. Ghamdi said in a statement later that his country was deeply satisfied with the performance of Jordanian teachers in UAE schools (Petra photo)

'Israel intensifies pressure on Arabs to give up revolt'

AMMAN (Petra) — More than 350 people have been killed or injured and nearly 9,000 have been detained by the Israeli occupation authorities since the beginning of the present uprising in the occupied Arab territories, according to a spokesman for the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs.

The spokesman said that 20 Arab citizens have been deported from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to South Lebanon and 35 Arab homes demolished by

the Israeli army in retaliation for Arab protests.

The occupation authorities have resorted to closing Arab schools and educational institutions as means of exerting pressure on the Arab inhabitants to end their revolt, and there was no sign as to when Arab universities will be re-opened, the spokesman said.

He said that the Israeli authorities were placing restrictions on people wishing to travel and are requiring them to get certi-

icates proving that they had paid up all their taxes and other dues before travel permits were issued.

The Israelis are making it extremely difficult for Arab people to renew their identity cards, obtain good conduct certificates or other documents as forms of pressure to force the people to succumb to Israel's will, the spokesman said.

He said that all these measures are being taken to force the Arabs to give up their revolt.

Yarmouk marks revolt anniversary

AMMAN (Petra) — Yarmouk University President Dr. Mohammad Hamdan, Wednesday, opened a photo exhibition, in commemoration of the Great Arab Revolt.

The exhibition includes photos of His Majesty King Hussein, the late Sharif Al Hussein Ibn Ali, the late King Abdullah Ibn Al

Hussein and the late King Talal Ibn Abdullah.

The exhibition also includes photos on the Jordanian Armed Forces military exercises and weapons.

Also on Wednesday a seminar was held at the 'Aqba Ibn Nafi' School in Salt, on the goals of the Great Arab Revolt.

The secretary general of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and a number of university teachers reviewed the significance of this event and lauded His Majesty King Hussein's wise policies.

Celebrations marking this anniversary also continued in the governorates of Tafila, Karak, and Mafrqa.

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11:30 Hillsville: The story of Motown

12:00 News Summary

12:05 Now Music

13:00 News Summary

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15:00 Concert Hour

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16:30 Old Favorites

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17:30 Good Vibrations

18:00 News Summary

18:05 Our Mutual Friend

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23:57 News Headlines

FOR FRIDAY

JORDAN TELEVISION

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PROGRAMME ONE

10:30 Koran

10:35 Children programmes

11:50 Religious programme

12:50 Friday's prayer

13:00 Secret

14:25 Religious seminar

15:15 Film

18:15 Viewers' choice (Arabic)

19:00 Promanc review

20:30 News in Arabic

21:30 A programme on the occupied Arab territories

22:00 Arabic series

22:05 Varities

23:00 News summary in Arabic

PROGRAMME TWO

07:30 Light Music

07:35 Newsdesk

08:00 World News

08:05 News Summary

10:05 Morning Show Contd.

11:00 News Summary

11:05 Listeners' Choice

12:00 News Summary

12:05 Listeners' Choice

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

A permanent book exhibition, at Tower Building, Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle.

A permanent exhibition of plastic art by 27 Arab artists at the Plaza Hotel.

Sculptures by Salam Al Madangha at the French Cultural Centre.

An exhibition of Arabian Calligraphy by Dr. Sami Nasib Mikarem at Alla Art Gallery.

Creative power in oil paintings "An Abstract Expressionism", The Royal Cultural Centre.

Paintings by Rizk Abdul Hadi, Petra Bank Gallery.

FILMS

Film: "Testa di sbarco per otto implacabili". Haya Arts Centre at 08:00 p.m.

Feature film: "Terms of Endearment". The American Centre at 07:00 p.m.

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre Tel. 6610267

American Centre 64371

American Centre Library 641520

British Council 6261478

French Cultural Centre 637009

Goethe Institute 641993

Soviet Cultural Centre 64203

Spanish Cultural Centre 624049

Turkish Cultural Centre 639777

Haya Arts Centre 665195

Hussein Youth City 6671816

Y.W.C.A. 641703

Y.W.M.A. 664251

Amman Municipal Library 636111

Univ. of Jordan Library 843555

MUSEUMS

Children's Heritage and Science Museum. Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Country Music

News in French

Country Music

News Bulletin

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Jordan Weekly

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11:55 Casablanca, Tunis (RJ)

12:00 Los Angeles, Miami, Vienna (RJ)

19:15 Bangkok (RJ)

20:15 Rome (RJ)

20:45 Tripoli (RJ)

20:45 Maghreb

21:25 Isha

ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

11:00 Istanbul (TK)

11:25 Kuwait (KU)

11:30 Kuwait (KU)

11:35 Baghdad (IA)

11:40 Cairo (MS)

11:50 Athens (GR)

12:00 Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (GF)

12:00 Riyadh (SV)

12:05 Dubai (AE)

12:05 Amsterdam, Istanbul (KLM)

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12:10 Zurich, Larnaca (SR)

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12:10 Kuwait (KU)

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EMERGENCIES

Amman governorate 901228

Amman Civil Defence 198, 199

Civil Defence Irbid 271393, 273131

Civil Defence Qusweish 770733

Civil Defence Deir Alla 57306

Ambulance 193, 75111

Amman downtown fire brigades 198

First aid 630341

Blood Bank 778303

Civil Defence rescue 611111

Fire headquarters 622093

Police rescue 192, 621111, 637777

Police headquarters 639141

Traffic police 8963001

Electric Power Co. 6363814, 624881

Municipal water complaints 7711258

Queen Alia Int'l Airport (08)5330409

TAXIS:

Talal taxi 640031

Venice taxi 644384

Asfour taxi 621230

Tamra taxi 813581

Nahda taxi 663003

Holiday taxi 663100

Sayed taxi 644423

Midle East taxi 604615

IBRD:

Dr. Nabil Abu Al Ula (-)

Al Sharaf pharmacy 275825

ZARQA:

Dr. Isam Haddad (-)

Khalifeh pharmacy 968417

GENERAL

Jordan Television 773111/19

Radio Jordan 774111/19

Ministry of Tourism 666111

Hotel complaints 666117

Price complaints 661776

Telephone information 12

Jordan and Middle East calls 10

Overseas calls 17

Repair service 11

MARKET PRICES

Upper/lower price in fks per kg

Apple (French) 400 / 360

Apricot 350 / 300

Banana 300 / 250

Banana (Mukammal) 300 / 250

Beans 280 / 220

Cabbage 100 / 70

Carrot 175 / 100

Cauliflower 120 / 120

Cherry (red) 650 / 550

Corn 100 / 70

Cucumber 130 / 90

Eggplant (large) 220 / 160

Eggplant (small) 220 / 160

Garlic 350 / 300

Grapes 600 / 500

Lemon (yellow) 320 / 300

Lemon (green) 290 / 250

Mallow 90 / 60

Marrow 110 / 80

Onion (dry) 90 / 60

Okra 450 / 400

Peaches 550 / 500

Peas 160 / 120

Pepper (sweet) 370 / 300

Potato 400 / 340

Watermelon 120 / 80

Tomatoes 120 / 80

Sweetcorn 80 / 50

Swetmelon 170 / 120

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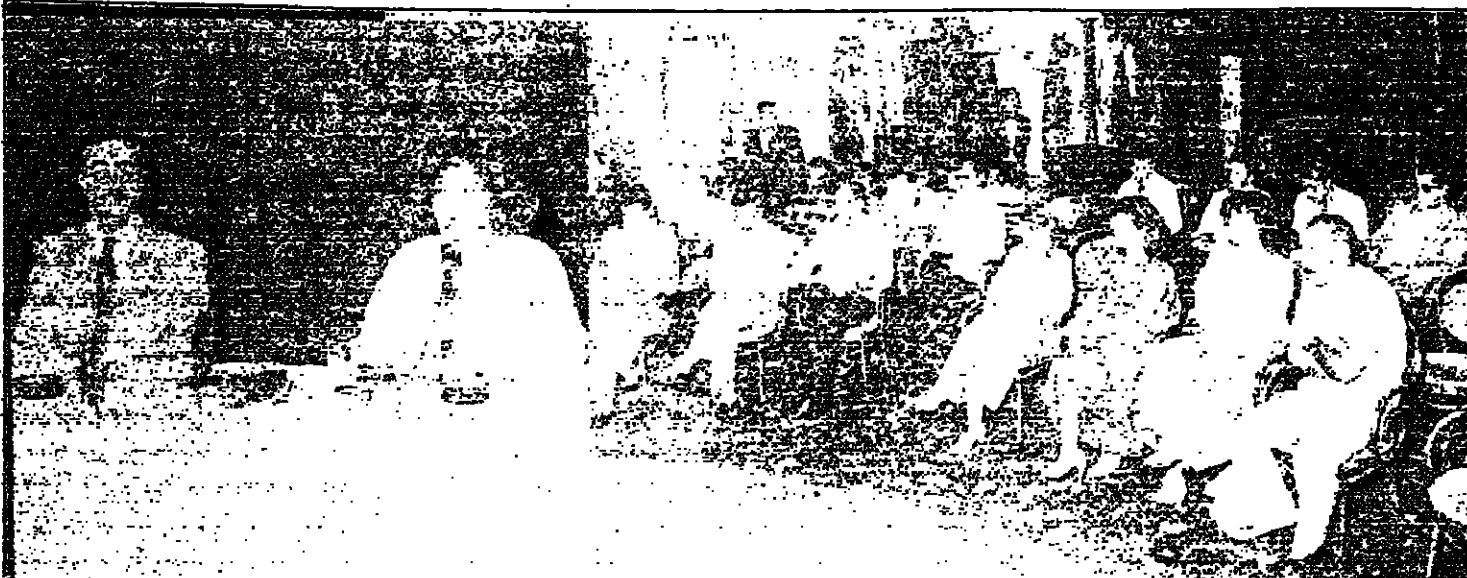
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Jerash Festival Higher Committee Vice President Laila Sharaf speaks to journalists about the forthcoming Jerash Festival. Also present is the festival's General Manager, Akram Masarwa (Petra photos)

1988 Jerash Festival to include new forms of art, entertainment



By Nermeen Murad
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The 1988 Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts will follow in the footsteps of the seven previous years but will also aim to be more organised and introduce new forms of art and entertainment to the public.

In a press conference held at the Regency Hotel Wednesday, Vice President of the Jerash Festival Higher Committee Laila Sharaf outlined the different performances and activities scheduled for this year's eighteen day festival, which will start on July 13, and pointed out that this year's selection of artistic performances will include an opera for the first time.

The festival will include sixteen performances by Jordanian groups, four performances and a handicrafts exhibition from neighbouring Arab countries and thirteen major shows from other countries.

According to Sharaf, the Jordanian folklore performances are organised and presented according to the "rule and genuine standards of this fine art."

Jordanian participation will be as follows:

- Jordanian Armed Forces Band
- Ramtha Folk Group
- Ma'an Folk Group
- Belt Fajjar Folk Dance Group
- Haya Arts Centre children's play; Country Evening
- Ministry of Culture/children's play the Flying Carpet
- Children's play/the Good Neighbour
- Jordan Children Friends Club/children's play Nous Nussais
- Fairy Tale
- Royal Jordanian Folk Group
- Radio Jordan Orchestra
- Association of Jordanian Musicians
- The National Music Conservatory
- Fuheis Singing Group
- Al Jeel Club Dance Group
- Festival Lyric Band
- Talented Youth Theatre.

The festival's agenda is so full of interesting performances and events, which would attract audience from all walks of life, that it is difficult to determine the highlight performance of the festival.

The programme by the four Arab countries, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq and Syria hosts highly prominent names and troupes covering different field of art and culture in the Arab World.

Shows from neighbouring Arab countries will include Majda Al Roumi and her troupe from Lebanon, the renowned Iraqi musician Sa'doun Al Jabir and his troupe, the Egyptian National Folk Troupe, and the Zanoobia Operetta from Syria.

Thirteen different shows from Europe, the Far East and the United States will steal the show for many Jordanians who will have a chance to enjoy the different facets of Western art through the Jerash Festival.

International participation will be as follows:

- Italy: Italian Mattia Battistini Troupe (opera)
- Yugoslavia: National Folk Dance and Music Group
- U.S.: Oakland Youth Orchestra
- U.S.: Dayton Civic Ballet
- Greece: Krystallis Folk Dance Group, (classical music)
- West Germany: Kammerorchester Camerata Musica (classical music)

— Bulgaria: Bulgarian Dance Group of Burgas City Theatre
- United Kingdom: The British Actors Theatre Company (the Taming of the Shrew)
- Ballets de Monte Carlo
- USSR: Soviet Union Nazarov-Dancing and Singing Troupe
- North Korea: Bioung Young Acrobatic troupe
- Philippines: U.P. Filipiniana Dance Troupe
- Turkey: Handicrafts Exhibition

The exhibition, according to Sharaf, will also include a photography show, a handicrafts exhibition, a book fair and the traditional poetry festival, which was missing last year, will return to Jerash this year and is expected to keep its habit of attracting a large crowd.

Akram Masarwa, the new general manager of the Jerash Festival, told reporters that the historical city of Jerash will "be in the same place but wearing a new outfit." He explained that the management has already made plans to clean the area of street food-vendors.

Special tents have been prepared to serve as restaurants for the visitors "they can rest and eat comfortably." Masarwa added that a first class restaurant will open at the festival site as well as different cafeterias.

According to Masarwa a special cleaning company has been hired to ensure maximum comfort for visitors and special Jordanian cadres have volunteered their services to help guide and help Jordanian citizens and visitors to the festival.

Tickets for the festival will be available for sale at different areas in the capital and other major cities in the Kingdom, and Masarwa promised all those interested in attending any of the performances that "a ticket will always guarantee its bearer a seat at the performance."

20th meeting of Arab Educational Council for Palestinian Affairs opens in Amman

Jordan seeks help to confront Israeli distortion of textbooks

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan Wednesday urged Arab countries to help confront Israel's drive to obliterate Arab and Islamic identity from the occupied Palestinian territories through its systematic distortion of textbooks and facts about the occupied areas.

The call was made by Ministry of Education's Secretary General Munther Al Masri in an opening address to the 20th meeting of the Arab Educational Council for Palestinian Affairs, which opened at the Amman Hotel in Amman.

This session is being held against a background of continued uprising in the occupied Arab territories where the Israelis confront the Arab revolt by closing schools, detaining children and transforming Arab educational centres into military positions or detention camps, Masri told the meeting, attended by delegates from Arab countries and the Arab League.

Masri said that the Jordanian Ministry of Education refuses and strongly condemns Israel's tampering with the textbooks and all its practices which conflict with international laws and regulations.

The Jordanian working paper which will be submitted to the eight-day meeting, Masri said, will cover Israel's measures and practices directed against the educational process in the occupied areas "where schools and universities had been closed and textbooks changed to serve Israel's objectives."

He said the paper also offers an analytical study of the textbooks written in Hebrew and Arabic, "designed to consolidate the Israeli occupation's hold over Arab territories."

The Ministry of Education in Jordan is concerned with fighting off cultural invasion in the occupied Arab territories and all measures designed to obliterate Arab heritage and Arab identity in Palestine, Masri noted.

He called on the participants in the meeting to adopt measures to strengthen Arab and Islamic identity and presence in the occupied lands.

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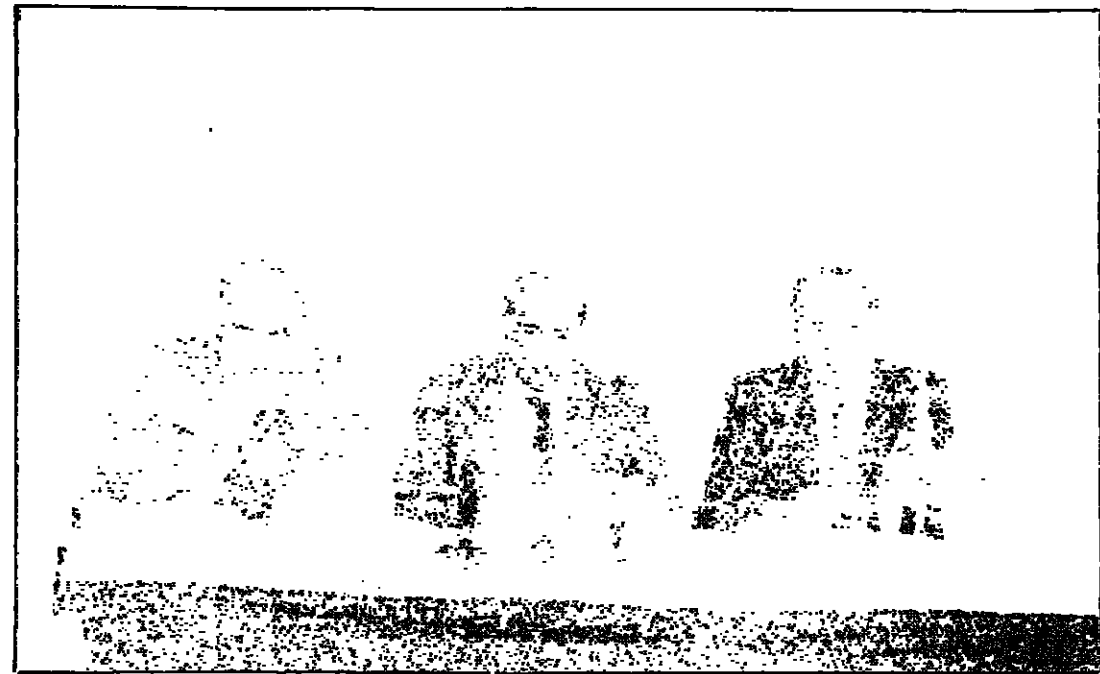
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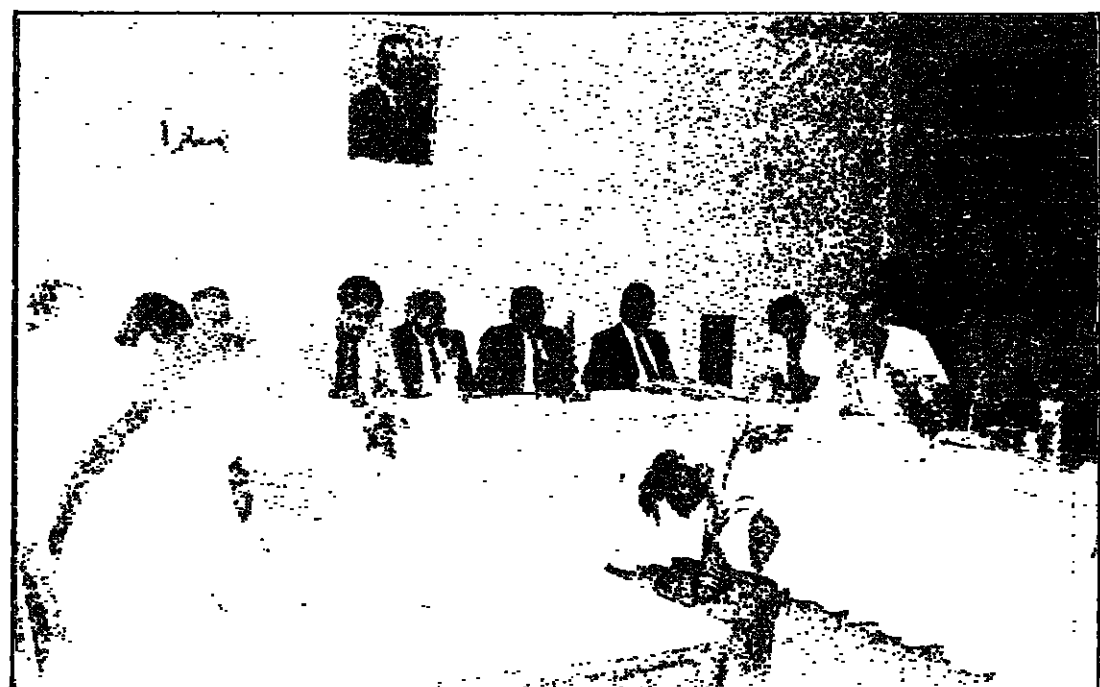
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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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NEW HEALTH CENTRE: Work started Wednesday on the construction of a comprehensive health centre at Mahes in Balqa governorate. The centre is expected to cost JD 230,000 is being built on a 13 dunum plot of land offered for the project by the Mahes Municipality, to offer services to the people of Mahes and neighbouring Fuheis.

TALKS ON POOR DISTRICTS: Greater Amman Municipality took part in a regional seminar on population in the poor districts of the Arab World which was held last week in Marrakesh, Morocco. Case studies on the development of poor districts in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Sudan, Lebanon and Jordan were discussed by the participants, according to a municipality official who attended the meeting.

NAOUR HEALTH SEMINAR: A seminar on the health situation in Jordan Wednesday began at Naour Medical Centre. Discussions focused on the studies and research undertaken by the Health Ministry, in addition to the duties of doctors working at medical centres.

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AMMAN (J.T.) — The Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) Director General Inaam Al Mufti Wednesday visited Al Salt Centre for Traditional Crafts which is supervised by NHF and the Salt Development Corporation (SDC).

Mufti met with Italian specialists employed by the centre to train Arab personnel on the production of traditional crafts like pottery and weaving.

The Italian government has supplied experts to help design training programmes and to operate the centre for three years.

At present they are training 15 young men and women in traditional crafts for a period of five months.

Mufti also met with the trainees and heard their views about the programmes and their future work.

The Italian government has provided equipment worth JD 600,000 as a gift for the centre which was established last year.

Mufti was accompanied on the visit by the NHF's Executive Director Thihni Ra'fat and Dr. Eideh Al Mutlaq the project's director.



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The minister told a gathering of delegates from six Arab countries and specialists in physical education at Yarmouk University that physical training is an essential national element for a strong and

healthy Arab society. "Through promoting sports and physical training, Arab universities help to develop physical health and implant higher values and sound behaviour in the hearts of the young generation, providing them with a greater potential in production and social adaptation," the minister said.

Khleifat noted that most Arab countries have taken steps towards developing physical training, but he said universities should shoulder the task of conducting research and study in physical education to expand and promote learning in this field.

Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hamdan addressed the session stressing that topics

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Other speakers included the dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, the director of the Physical Education Department.

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The governor of Irbid was among the dignitaries attending the opening session.

Arab states urged to cooperate in protecting local industries

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (ASPIP) Wednesday wound up a two day meeting in Amman with a call on Arab countries to give greater care to the question of transferring modern technology to the Arab World.

A statement issued at the end of the final session urged experienced Arab governments to extend training help to other countries on the art of concluding

agreements that can safeguard and protect industrial inventions and to share their expertise with less developed Arab states.

The statement urged all concerned with the protection of industrial property to join the society, and called on all Arab countries to put into force the society's recommendations issued at its 11th session in Cairo in November 1987.

The participants had reviewed the amendments to the society's

statutes and by-laws and a report on the society's activities in the past year.

They also elected Suhail Saba from Jordan as a new president to succeed Latif Hakim, and decided to hold the society's 13th session in Tunis in 1989.

The statement expressed the society's deep appreciation to Jordan for the facilities offered to the participants that helped in making their meeting a success.



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FROM THE WORLD'S PRESS ...

Iraq plans strategic offensive

WASHINGTON — Iraq is planning an offensive that could take its forces 30 miles (50 kilometres) inside Iranian territory and is designed to heighten tensions within the Iranian government at a time when concern about Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's health is mounting, Pentagon and Iraqi officials say.

The officials said Iraq had an estimated 200,000 troops near the southern port city of Basra poised for an assault within weeks on Majnoon Island, an oil-rich Iraqi area captured by Iran in 1984.

"In the next several months, Iran will be very vulnerable to Iraq. Iran's military position is very hollow. I am more hopeful that the war may be allowed to die down," one Pentagon official said.

"The concentration of forces, the engineering work, all that kind of stuff that supports offensive action — the building of roads, causeways, and mock-ups and the rehearsals of mock-ups — are indications of the Iraqi preparations," said another Pentagon official.

Iraq's military push is intended to exploit mounting tensions within the Iranian regime and growing opposition to the war within Iran, the officials said.

"The old man's health is getting worse and therefore there's a move to consolidate power in the hands of the radicals," one official said, referring to Khomeini, Iran's spiritual leader.

"Given the medical care he's receiving, he may be able to struggle along for a while," the official said.

He said the ayatollah was being treated by a team of approximately 12 doctors, among whom are several West Europeans.

Officials said the ayatollah had his own dialysis machine and was also suffering from a severe heart condition in addition to a cancer that was spreading through his body.

The number of Iranian volunteers to the war front has dropped by 70 per cent in recent months, the officials said — The Washington Times.

Israeli civil rights group blasts detentions

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli army has resorted to jailing thousands of Palestinians without trial to alleviate the overload of cases in clogged military courts, according to the Association for Civil Rights in Israel.

In its harshest report to date, the organisation said Monday military police were "lethargic" in investigating complaints of soldiers' brutality and have not responded to even one of the association's complaints.

The association also charged that Israel justice increasingly treats Jews differently from Palestinians, including Palestinians who are Israeli citizens living in Israel's pre-1967 borders.

"There is a double standard of justice for Arabs," said Neta Ziv Goldman, a staff attorney with the association. "Even in cases of a killing, a (Jewish) settler can get a ridiculous sentence, like six months community service or a suspended prison term."

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The association presented figures showing a dramatic rise in the army's reliance on "administrative detention" since the start of the Palestinian uprising in December. This regulation allows detention without trial.

In 1985, 1986 and 1987, the number of "administrative detainees" reached dozens at most, but now there are 2,500 held under this order.

"The standards that were used in the past — that this order is only for cases where someone poses a real security risk — have totally eroded," Goldman said.

"Today, just about anyone can qualify for administrative detention," she said.

The military spokesman said military police have examined 350 complaints, passing on two-thirds of those to the chief military prosecutor. He did not know how many complaints went unanswered.

Goldman said that because of the numbers of prisoners, families often were not informed of arrests and lawyers could not find out where clients were jailed.

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NICOSIA (Agencies) — Four British lawmakers left Tehran Wednesday after an unofficial three-day mission to improve Anglo-Iranian relations with an Iranian pledge to "help locate" British hostages in Lebanon, Iran's official news agency reported.

The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) quoted one of the British Members of Parliament (MPs), Robert Hicks, as saying Tuesday night that the "time is ripe" for Tehran and London to improve relations after years of strain.

IRNA quoted Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri as saying Tuesday night that Iran "will ask its friends in Lebanon to help locate" British hostages by pro-Iranian militants.

But he said that in return, Britain had to help locate and free three Iranians who have been missing in Lebanon since 1982.

The Iranians, Revolutionary Guards commander Ahmad Motevasselehi, Charge d'Affaires Hussein Musavi and IRNA correspondent Kazem Akhavan, were kidnapped by gunmen in north Lebanon in July 1982 during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. They have not been heard of since then.

The Britons missing in Lebanon are Church of England envoy Terry Waite, who vanished in Beirut Jan. 20 last year while seeking to free American hostages, and journalist John McCarthy.

Teacher Brian Keenan, who hails from British-ruled Northern Ireland, is also missing. Keenan, who holds an Irish passport, was abducted by gunmen in Beirut April 11, 1986.

Waite, McCarthy and Keenan are believed to be held by pro-Iranian extremists.

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The Church of England said before the MPs flew to Iran that the meeting had been called by the Iranian government. They were expected to brief the archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, after arriving back in Britain later Wednesday.

The mission included Conservative Cynil Townsend, Labour MP Tom Clarke and Social and Liberal Democrat Peer Lord Tordoff.

John Cookson, a correspondent for Britain's Independent radio network who accompanied the British mission to Tehran, reported Tuesday that the Iranian government planned to free the Britons missing in Lebanon, along with another two Britons held in Iran, by Christmas.

Quoting an unidentified Iranian source, Cookson said the Iranian move was in response to an agreement with the British government to compensate Iran for damage to its embassy in London.

There was no independent confirmation of that report and none of the British lawmakers or the Iranian leaders they met made any mention of a timetable to free the captive Britons.

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Nicola was arrested in 1986 on charges of firing shots at a checkpoint on the Iran-Pakistan border. Cooper, 53, has been held since December 1985 on charges of spying.

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Police officers returned later and searched Tusalp's desk after obtaining a search warrant from state security court prosecutor Ulku Coskun.

The newspaper's bureau chief, Yalcin Dogan, had refused earlier to allow officers to carry out the search since they did not have a permit.

The warrant said Tusalp's desk would be searched "in order to find 'the substance of the offense'."

It referred to Article 132 of the criminal code, which calls for up to eight years of imprisonment for those convicted of publishing secret state information.

Police detained Tusalp when he refused to tell them the name of the source who provided him with the gunman's testimony, said Hail Nebiler, a Cumhuriyet reporter.

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First reports said the blaze was caused by gas cylinders exploding and lasted seven hours, burning down visitors' tents in the 30-acre grounds of the Al Muharrag Monastery, which dates back to Biblical times.

Hospital officials said all the dead were Egyptians.

The monastery traditionally marks the southernmost point reached by the holy family during their flight through Egypt to save Jesus Christ from death in Palestine. The pilgrims were at an annual festival dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

The police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the fire began late Tuesday night when sparks from a makeshift food booth wafted onto some tents and ignited. He said the booth's two owners, both Copts, were arrested.

He said the monastery in Al Kousseya, north of the southern provincial capital Assiut, was not damaged.

"There were 47 dead, mostly children who either died in the fire or in the panic that followed," the official said. "There was a big rush from the pilgrims towards the main gate of the camp. Some children fell and were trampled to death."

He said 15 people were injured trying to escape.

Unlike many early Coptic monasteries that were built in desert isolation, Al Muharrag is along a relatively well-travelled route near the Nile river about 55 kilometres north of Assiut. The provincial capital is 385 kilometres south of Cairo.

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The Assiut police official said foul play is not suspected in the fire. He said authorities had authorised burial of the dead, which in Egypt is allowed only where the cause of death is not in question and a corpse is not required for criminal investigation.

Formerly a Christian stronghold, the Assiut area has become in recent years a hotbed of Muslim fundamentalist militancy. Several times, Muslim extremists have attacked Coptic Christian shops.

The Coptic Orthodox Church is reputed to be the oldest community in Christendom. It traces its origins to the disciple St. Mark, who tradition says founded a congregation in Alexandria in the first century A.D.

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BONN (R) — West German post office authorities are investigating why 5,000 of their distinctive yellow vans are promoting a firm publishing the "Green Book" of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

Since June 1, the vans have carried the logo of the "Publisher For A Better Life," a company whose current product is the German edition of the "Green Book" containing Qadhafi's personal philosophy.

The deal, worth about 3.5 million marks (\$2 million) a year to the post ministry, was negotiated and signed by a subsidiary agency, ministry spokesman Klaus Czerwinski said Wednesday.

"We are investigating the situation at the moment. We expect to terminate the contract shortly," Czerwinski said.

The co-founder of the publishing firm is Heinz Weifenbach, president of the bankrupt ice hockey club ECD Iserlohn.

Last December, when a shortage of funds threatened Iserlohn's future, Weifenbach announced he had flown to Libya and personally negotiated a 1.5 million mark (then \$900,000) cash injection with Qadhafi.

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Part of the chemical waste was dumped in the Kesroun coastal strip in the Christian heartland, about 30 kilometres north of the capital. The rest, according to unconfirmed press reports, was buried in the same region.

The chemicals found their way to Lebanon through a local importer, Roger Haddad. Haddad concluded a deal with an Italian chemical firm for dumping its waste in Lebanon. He is being interrogated by Lebanese officials.

Haddad is the head of maritime operations in a shipping company based in east Beirut.

Spoiled meat
Another health threat to the Lebanese is the shipment of spoiled meat confiscated by the Ministry of Health. It was imported by Antoine Khoury, arrested by Lebanese police but later freed for lack of evidence.

People are worried that part of it has reached local merchants and are avoiding ordering meat in restaurants. Supermarkets are advertising in local newspapers that the meat they are selling is fresh and not radioactive.

The meat, refused entry into another Arab country in late May, arrived in Lebanon in early June.

Kuwait reports \$95b in overseas investments

KUWAIT (AP) — Kuwait's surplus petrodollars invested abroad stood at about \$95 billion at the end of 1987, according to the annual report of the Kuwait Stock Exchange released Tuesday.

The stock market's director-general, Hisham Al Oteiba, said that Kuwait's income from foreign investments formed 60 per cent of the country's revenues reported in the oil sector.

He did not give figures, but said that Kuwait's oil income in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988 amounted to \$6.11 billion. The oil revenues accounted for 80 per cent of the country's national income, he said.

"The country's surpluses are split into two parts, namely the general state reserve which amount to \$45 billion and the Future Generations Fund which now includes \$50 billion," Al Oteiba said.

The fund is a facility to which 10 per cent of the country's oil income is added every year with the aim of enabling the posterity

ment and for its acquisition of a 22 per cent stake in the giant oil firm, British Petroleum.

Following the outcry in the United Kingdom over the KIO's activities, the Kuwaiti finance minister, Jassim Al Khorafi, has set up a three-member panel to reappraise the investment policies of the Public Investment Authority and its subsidiary, the KIO. The panel is reportedly in London for a first-hand assessment of the KIO's projects.

Similar complaints were also aired in Spain over the potential impact on the management of concerned ventures as a result of the rapidly increasing Kuwaiti shares in several Spanish firms.

The director of the stock market also reported that "a substantial part of private funds invested abroad has returned home following the October crash on the world stock exchanges."

"This reflected positively on the local economic activity," he added.

G-7 agrees to aid poorest states

TORONTO (R) — Leaders of the seven major industrial democracies ended their 14th economic summit Tuesday with an agreement to ease the debt burden of the poorest countries and to work together closely to keep the world economy growing.

"We have achieved consensus on rescheduling official debt of these countries," a communiqué said in a section devoted to the debt of the poorest.

Under the plan, the seven governments will either cancel some of the loans they have made to about 30 sub-Saharan countries, reduce interest rates or give more time for the loans to be repaid.

The initiative was the signal achievement of a largely uneventful three-day meeting, which brought together the leaders of

Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada and, in his last scheduled appearance at an international meeting, U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

The meeting lacked suspense largely because the seven nations had pulled together to prevent last October's stock market crash from tipping the world economy into recession.

Employment had continued to expand in most countries, inflation had been restrained, and the huge U.S. trade deficit, along with the mirror-image surpluses of West Germany and Japan, were finally coming down, the communiqué noted.

"These encouraging developments are cause for optimism, but not for complacency," it said.

To sustain non-inflationary growth will require a commitment to enhanced cooperation.

This is the key to credibility and confidence," the seven leaders declared in the communiqué read by summit host Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

The communiqué contained a familiar prescription for reducing trade imbalances further.

Countries with trade deficits such as the United States were urged to live more within their means, while surplus countries such as West Germany and Japan were exhorted to keep their economies humming to suck in more U.S. goods.

The exporting countries of Asia, which include Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore were told that they, too, had to be willing to help to make world trade less lop-sided.

Until last year the main plank of the strategy for cutting the U.S. trade deficit, which topped \$170 billion in 1987, was to spur U.S. exports by driving down the dollar and making American manufacturers more competitive on world markets.

But the leaders reaffirmed in Toronto that a further fall in the dollar, which has fallen more than 50 per cent against the Japanese yen since early 1985, would do more harm than good. A further decline "could be counterproductive by damaging growth prospects in the world economy," they said.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for June 22, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	653230	JD 381430	519
Top three companies:			
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipment	218120	JD 47251	78
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing, and Publishing	71700	JD 44142	58
Arab Bank Ltd.	250	JD 28544	3
Parallel market:	22001	JD 8123	—
Development bonds:	—	—	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — A late scramble for resource stocks helped to push the market to a higher close in all sectors by profit-taking kept the market off its early highs. The All Ordinaries Index rose 10.5 to 1,612.6.

TOKYO — Prices fell on profit-taking in moderately active trade after rising sharply on Wall Street's rally and news of a smaller-than-expected May increase in the U.S. consumer price index. The Nikkei Index fell 64.79 to 27,860.78.

HONG KONG — Prices closed higher but profit-taking pared earlier gains. The Hang Seng Index rose 13.77 to 1,790.80.

SINGAPORE — Prices recovered, reversing Tuesday's moderate losses, on selective buying and bargain hunting. The Straits Times Industrial Index rose 13.92 to 1,071.99.

BOMBAY — Prices rose sharply after exchange authorities reduced daily deposit margins on purchases. Selective buying by institutions also boosted the market.

FRANKFURT — Shares advanced in active trading as the strength of the dollar encouraged both domestic and foreign buying. The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, rose 19.9 to 1,442.2.

ZURICH — The market was firmer across the board in moderate trading, boosted by a firmer dollar and gains on Wall Street. The All-Share Swiss Index gained 8.7 to 872.4.

PARIS — Share prices ended the last session of the bourse accounting month 1.93 per cent firmer in active trade despite a bourse employees' strike.

Britain hikes interest rates

LONDON (R) — Britain raised interest rates Wednesday for the third time this month in the government's continuing campaign to dampen a credit-fuelled consumer buying spree that it fears will rekindle inflation.

The Bank of England, Britain's central bank, raised its money market lending rate by half a percentage point to nine per cent.

The other rises this month, also by half a percentage point each time, occurred on June 2 and 6.

"We will not take risks with inflation," a spokesman for the British treasury said of the rate increase.

British financial markets had been anticipating the rise since late last week.

A Bank of England spokesman

said the increase was aimed at keeping credit tight to bear down on inflation.

He would not say if the increase was coordinated with other nations.

On Tuesday, British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said in Toronto that the just-completed Group of Seven industrial nations' summit now had cooperation policies on inflation as well as on currency-exchange rates.

"The policies which we have agreed on — both on inflation policy and on exchange rate policy — may have consequences for interest rates and interest rate differentials," Lawson said, adding: "But that is a matter for each country to decide for themselves."

Trusthouse Forte enters Italy

ROME (Agencies) — Trusthouse Forte, part of the Amman Plaza Hotel chain in Amman plans to move into Italian mainland at last. The group has just announced three new developments.

One development is the purchase of a controlling interest in the deluxe five star Excelsior Gallia in Milan.

The hotel has 248 rooms, conference facilities for 400 and an international restaurant. The property will be extensively refurbished and operated as one of the group's collection of exclusive hotels.

The second move is to build a new 350-room luxury hotel at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, while the third development planned is the purchase of the Palazzo Della Fonte Hotel in the famous spa resort of Fiumi. This property will be completely renovated and reopened in 1989.

At the same time, the group is extending operations in West Germany as well. Just announced is the purchase of the 125 room Grand Hotel in Nuremberg.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.7760/70	U.S. dollar	1.7760/70
One U.S. dollar	1.2050/60	Canadian dollar	1.7655/65
	1.7655/65	Deutschmarks	1.9860/70
	1.9860/70	Dutch guilders	1.4670/80
	1.4670/80	Swiss francs	36.87/92
	36.87/92	Belgian francs	5.9470/9500
	5.9470/9500	French francs	1309/1310
	1309/1310	Italian lire	128.35/45
	128.35/45	Japanese yen	6.1240/90
	6.1240/90	Swedish crowns	6.3880/3980
	6.3880/3980	Norwegian crowns	6.7130/80
	6.7130/80	Danish crowns	449.10/449.60
One ounce of gold	449.10/449.60	U.S. dollars	

WEEK END CROSSWORD

BROADWAY NO-HITTERS
Jeanne Wilson

- ACROSS**
1. Kinky shoes
 2. Edible seed
 3. Barter
 4. Judicial
 5. Two under par
 6. Entree meat
 7. Mound
 8. A Belter
 9. Turned out of the senate
 10. Actor Richard
 11. Director Kazan
 12. Part of CEO
 13. Frank, Purdue
 14. story?
 15. Abr. antelope
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 17. Twentieth train
 18. propellant
 19. Vestibule
 20. Wood
 21. To the point

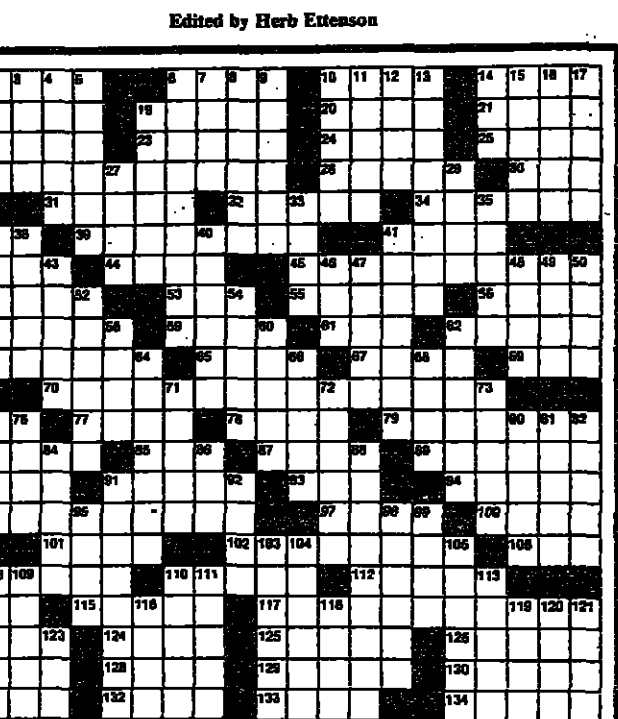
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 4. Becomes
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 6. Arab or Hebrew
 7. Tissue bands
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 10. Gaudy
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 12. Luster
 13. Banister's cousin
 14. Expert
 15. Edible pod
 16. Vegetable
 17. Church part
 18. Envy
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 40. Malar
 41. Toward the
 42. month
 43. "A" clock
 44. "See, see, see"
 45. Locations
 46. Half a fly
 47. Era — of
 48. "Happy Days"
 49. Yugoslav resort
 50. Residue
 51. Madama de
 52. format
 53. Gentleman
 54. Gym pad
 55. Barrage
 56. Rubber band
 57. Self-images
 58. Part of MIT
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 60. Sweet potato

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 61. Piglets
 62. With care
 63. Furrow
 64. Police
 65. Czech mountain
 66. range
 67. More prying
 68. Luscious
 69. features
 70. Fresheners
 71. Delusive
 72. Speedily
 73. Is a poor way
 74. USSR river
 75. Ancient Dead
 76. Sea region
 77. Swift's specialty
 78. Rye disease
 79. It resort

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 71. Myster
 72. Cross
 73. Neophyte var.
 74. Assault
 75. Part of a Stein
 76. Society
 77. Concorde
 78. About abbr.
 79. Rainbow
 80. Gr. meeting
 81. place
 82. Equus
 83. Residue
 84. Madama de
 85. (P.T. writer)
 86. Kuku greta
 87. friend?
 88. Thersore
 89. Oriental profits
 90. Confederate
 91. Spouse
 92. Spank

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 108. Houston
 109. balplayer
 110. Schopenhauer's
 111. The sun
 112. Church
 113. Chain smoking?
 114. Mod. subj.
 115. Rainbow
 116. Maternally
 117. related
 118. Apollo's mother
 119. Long-running
 120. hi
 121. Big winds
 122. Fanfare
 123. Shoom
 124. Settles
 125. Colonizers
 126. Title



Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Jocular jockey in khaki jodhpurs and black jersey grinned at railbirds timing midday gallop.
2. Doting stepfather gave his favorite stepson a good stepladder to elevate his standards.
3. Great engines and unwieldy governments move as slowly.
4. Gracful antelope took last plumage from famous and proud peacock.

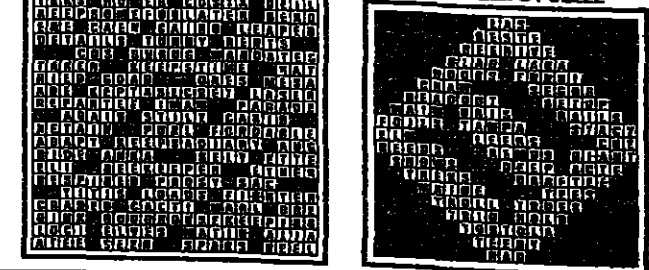
CRYPTOGRAMS

1. YLNO T QMNEHRIDUK HOTPWHEN ERUPTOR
MIDLND WR UHBN HW YHUU QISQ IQ T
SHALWK BURY RB STAST. —By Ed Huddeson

2. "MY'F FOLLYF YN VAL FOLLY," FAL FUME.
UF FAL AURELE IL FNIL GFALPPLE RGYE. —By Len Sherry

3. HANIGE. RHYME, FYNHRIE, GYROOE NIF
ZAXDMF ZAGXPME LRLCONGM GNAME
XNOXCONGMF GR GAXDOM XPAOFYMI. —By Conale Rosenfeld

4. ELHIMZ ARXXZ ALTFOM PCHIP DRM DCHO
KLATE TUNKZ YUM CH AEO PHUTE YUM. —By Barbara J. Ross



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Fans attack police after German defeat

HAMBURG, West Germany (AP) — German soccer fans joined by radical right and left-wing factions fought running battles in the city's downtown Tuesday night following The Netherlands' victory over West Germany in the European Championships. A police spokesman said 10 officers were injured as about 1,000 rowdies battled in the Reeperbahn, a downtown area noted for its sex shows. Spokesman Bernd Metterhausen said the violence began shortly before midnight when fans returning from the match began attacking the police. "We were dealing with that incident when a gang of punks, who live in the harbour area of the city, came up into the Reeperbahn and also joined in," Metterhausen said. The two German groups — which included scores of right-wing extremists and rival leftists — also attacked each other, with police officers caught in the middle, officials said. On Tuesday afternoon, radical German right-wingers had distributed leaflets challenging Hamburg leftists to a fight that night.

England soccer coach in hospital

LONDON (R) — England soccer coach Don Howe was undergoing tests in hospital Wednesday to discover what caused

his collapse when the England party returned from West Germany after competing in the European Championships. A spokeswoman at Watford general hospital near Howe's home in Radlett said the England coach was "comfortable and satisfactory." Howe, 52, a former Arsenal manager, is also coach of Wimbledon who scored a surprise win over Liverpool in the English F.A. Cup final last month. England lost all three group matches in the European Championships.

Mendoza sacked after criticising Munoz

MADRID (R) — Real Madrid president Ramon Mendoza has been sacked as vice-president of the Spanish Football Federation in a bitter row over Spain's early exit from the European Championship. President Jose Luis Roca called him indecisive and irresponsible for criticising coach Miguel Munoz in a radio interview after Spain lost to Italy and West Germany and failed to qualify for the championship semifinals. "This attitude has impaired the honorability of some officials and professionals of our sport and has hurt the federation itself... I therefore have to do without your collaboration," Roca wrote to Mendoza Wednesday. The letter was released to the press as Mendoza returned from West Germany and told reporters he was resigning. "His courier was faster than mine," Mendoza said.

Tyson-Spinks fight set for 12 rounds

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (R) — New Jersey has scheduled the Mike Tyson-Michael Spinks heavyweight title fight next week for 12 rounds, prompting the International Boxing Federation (IBF) to threaten to take its title from Tyson. The Tyson and Spinks camps have said it makes no difference to their fighters whether the bout is scheduled for 12 or 15 rounds.

IOC urges total isolation of S. Africa

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) urged sports bodies Tuesday to do more to isolate South Africa totally until it abolishes its apartheid policy of racial segregation.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said that in particular international federations administering individual sports should consider further action to implement IOC recommendations that they exclude or suspend South African national sports bodies, and strongly discourage sports contacts with Pretoria.

Samaranch was speaking after a meeting at IOC headquarters called by him to reaffirm the IOC position on South Africa, whose apartheid policies have been at the centre of a series of international sports rows, and led to Pretoria's suspension from the Olympic movement in 1970.

Delegates at the talks included representatives of the IOC, international sports federations, national Olympic committees and various African sports bodies.

An IOC statement said afterwards the meeting had reiterated that sports bodies in the Olympic movement should avoid any official or unofficial contacts with South African organisations or athletes.

Mac makes triumphant return to Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — John McEnroe made a triumphant return to Wimbledon Tuesday, beating Austrian Horst Skoff 6-1, 7-5, 6-1 to thunderous cheers from the crowd.

Making his first appearance since 1983 in the grass-court tournament he has won three times and marked on other occasions by some of the most fiery outbursts tennis ever has seen, McEnroe was cool and calm through the one-hour, 43-minute match on court No. 1.

"The king is back," BBC-TV announcer John Barratt proclaimed as McEnroe walked off court, acknowledging the roar of his fans with a wave of his hand and a nod of his head.

It was a different scene than when the eighth-seeded American was eliminated by Kevin Curren in the quarterfinals three years ago, before a sabbatical from tennis and a spate of injuries forced him from No. 1 to No. 19.

But the style of play was the same. Big serve, use of the whole court, deft flicks of the wrist at the net, and always keeping the match in control.

This prodigal comeback was the focus of the second day of the tournament's 102nd edition, where the leading women's seeds all were in action and most winning easily — including straight-set victories by defending champion Martina Navratilova and

top-seeded Steffi Graf.

Mats Wilander, the men's second seed, beat Eduardo Masso of Argentina 6-3, 6-4, 7-6, and 16th-seeded Slobodan Zivnjovic of Yugoslavia rallied to beat another Argentine, Horacio de la Pena, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4. But the first men's seed was eliminated, as Udo Riegelski of West Germany beat 14th-seeded Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's fifth seed Gabriela Sabatini beat Carling Saguso of Canada 6-2, 6-2. But having a tough time was third-seeded Pam Shriver of the United States, who was stretched to the limit before winning. And women's 11th seed Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany withdrew just before her opening match because of an injury.

Navratilova, looking for a re-

cord ninth women's singles title, needed just 49 minutes to beat Sabrina Goleis of Yugoslavia 6-1, 6-2, in a first-round match on centre court.

"Of course, there's extra pressure. But I'm just excited to be in this position," Navratilova said.

It was Navratilova's 42nd consecutive match victory at Wimbledon, the longest since World War II, and broke a tie with Sweden's Bjorn Borg for the second-longest winning streak in the tournament's history. The record is 50, by Helen Wills Moody of the United States, from 1927-38.

Next door, on court No. 1, Graf — trying to play her way out of Navratilova's shadow at Wimbledon — was three minutes faster than the defending champion in beating American Hu Na 6-0, 6-0.

"I'm always like that," said the 19-year-old West German, who lost only 22 points in the match. "I try to get the points over with very fast."

Dutch celebrate semifinal victory over W. Germans

AMSTERDAM (R) — Dutch sports writers and celebrating fans Wednesday proclaimed The Netherlands' 2-1 win over West Germany in the European Championship semifinal as clear revenge for defeat in the World Cup final 14 years ago.

"Revenge at last" and "finally got 'em," shouted the headlines in the country's two mass circulation dailies, who said Tuesday's victory made up for the 2-1 defeat by the Germans in Munich in 1974.

"Tuesday June 21, 1988 will be written in gold in every soccer fan's diary. The day when the Dutch finally took revenge for the drama of Munich," De Telegraaf said.

"It was a German nightmare," the Algemeen Dagblad said. Both papers splashed orange, the colour of the Dutch team's strip, over their front pages and sports sections.

Thousands of celebrating fans packed the centre of Amsterdam tooting car horns and singing until the early hours of Wednesday morning.

"I'm not that nationalistic... but it makes me feel good to see us make up for that defeat," one 40-year-old fan said in a packed central Amsterdam bar.

"I've been waiting 14 years for this," another added.

The fans grabbed everything coloured orange they could find in a mass impromptu party in a central Amsterdam Square. Several young women danced around the city centre in scanty tight-fitting orange dresses as others waved large orange plastic sheeting like an enormous flag.

Cars trying to drive through the packed streets were allowed to pass only when they tooted their horns.

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

Here is an unusually good day to confide in your associates and work on mutual understanding. Activities can be harmonious and seem to channel smoothly. Social and romantic interests flower.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make contacts early and you will receive cooperation. Flattering projects can become a success. Worldly contacts are gratifying.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Strive for excellence in your special duties. Peddle your ideas among your co-workers. Others show their appreciation in an unusual way.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Take the reins in organizing special events, and others will gladly cooperate. Your talents are in demand; think creatively and generously.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Since home is where your heart seems to be, invite others to share it with you. Entertaining will please family as well. Also tend to the neglected upkeep of your home.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Avoid frivolity at all costs. Sweet incentives to co-workers will aid in implementing your well-conceived plan.

VIBRO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

Take this morning to work on beautifying yourself and your surroundings. Initiate a long-neglected repair. Plan events carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Clarify your goals will make you feel more secure. Contact a friend who may desperately need affection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A special effort to be enthusiastic will be contagious. There is much potential for friendly contact and improved relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A special talent can help you realize a wish in an unusual way. Focus on socializing. Take care driving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) There's strong emphasis on civil service. Opportunities exist to improve higher-ups by assuming extra responsibility. Think carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take risks, put some trust in an extroverted friend. Focus on new people and places, possible trip. Strong planning and self-assertion needed.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Your love may need assurance that you are devoted. Prioritize your practical needs and plan effective ways to go after them.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

Daytime is excellent for making unusual and long-range plans concerning relationships. Don't shy from discussion. Be as honest as possible with self and others, even if it may temporarily hurt.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A new revelation may give you an unforeseen advantage. Combat uncertainties by making far-ranging plans.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Push to complete a daytime project. Open discussion of new ideas with associates. Try to seal an early commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Work on your creative plans as much as possible today; make specific commitments. Improve intimacy with your mate.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Work on improving the comforts of home, and show more concern to family. Have tea with friends let loose.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Indulge in items which will make your life run more smoothly. Someone would appreciate a phone call. Entertain.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Check your financial affairs and make sure all runs smoothly. Today

is best for closing business deals. Keep alert.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Adjust your budget to new expectations. Think about ways to increase income. Musing is your most productive time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan out an orderly sequence of activity, and discuss it with helpful friends. Take your mate's feelings carefully into account.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be as cheerful as possible despite thwarted happiness today. Reiterate your personal goals to yourself and act confidently to meet them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Now is the time to show off expertise to higher-ups; this will be beneficial later. Indulge yourself with friends in the evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Step up your involvement in a new subject, and don't be afraid to ask those who can help for advice. Best progress can be made in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Carry out an aging promise while the inspiration is still there. Creative energy will also help you and your mate in a new interest.

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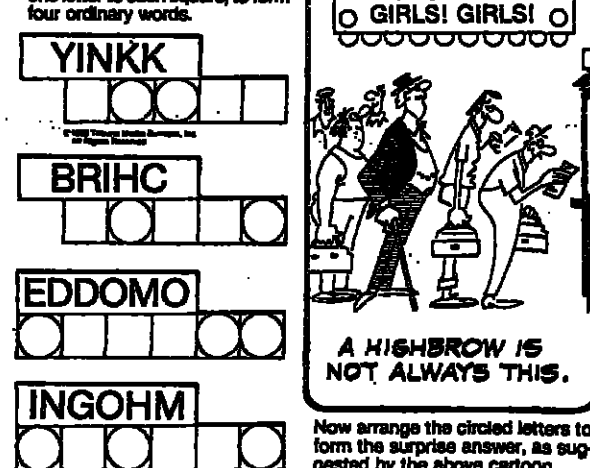
By Harris



"One-day late charge: \$275! Forgetting to rewind the tape: \$800! Aggravation charge: \$300!..."

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Yesterday's Jumbles: BRAIN CRUSH WISDOM HECTIC Answer: What that "sorecress" at the beach must have been—A "SAND WITCH"

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF © 1987 Tribune Media Services, Inc.

TOO MANY GOOD CARDS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH ♠ 7 6 5 3 2 ♣ 6 5 3 2 ♦ Q 6 3 ♠ 6 5 4

WEST ♠ K J 2 EAST ♠ 9 8 5 4

♥ Q 8 4 ♥ Void

♦ 10 9 ♦ 8 7 5 4 2

♣ K Q J 7 2 ♣ A 10 9 3

SOUTH ♠ A Q 10

♥ A K J 10 9 7

♦ A K J

♣ 8

The bidding: South West North East

2 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

Good defense requires cooperation between partners. East was alive to the possibilities of the hand. Unfortunately, his partner could not find the right continuation.

In modern Goren, South's rebid of three hearts was not 100 percent forcing. North could pass with a complete bust. However, four-card trump support and a side-suit queen does not rank as a trickless hand—either factor could be enough for game. So North's raise to four hearts was automatic.

Against the heart game West made the normal lead of the top of his club sequence. East put the defense on the right track by overraking with the ace to shift to the nine of spades. The finesse of the ten lost to the jack, and the crucial point of the hand had been reached.

Afraid that he might help declarer by returning a spade or a diamond, West chose to continue with a club. That was the death knell for the defense. Declarer ruffed and cashed the king of hearts to learn he had a trump loser. Now, his only chance was to negotiate an end play. He continued with the ace of hearts, then crossed to dummy by overraking the jack of diamonds with the queen. Declarer used his only entry to dummy to eliminate clubs with a ruff.

When declarer cashed the king and ace of diamonds, West did the best he could by refusing to ruff. But he was only delaying the inevitable. Declarer threw him in with his master trump, and West was faced with leading a spade into declarer's tenace or else yielding a ruff-suff by playing a club. Either way, the contract was home.

Observe that the game would have been defeated had West shifted to a diamond at trick three. Declarer is then an entry short for his strip and end play. Try it.

FRIDAY'S RACES AT THE ROYAL RACING CLUB-TUNEIB

FIRST RACE 4.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- A. El Karam Salim Rakkad	M. El Rakkad	Owner	Fawaz	56
2- Saleem Sulman A. Jraibin	Kbarshan	Owner	A. Jabir	56
3- Ghalib A. Jabir	Rabba	Owner	Ibrahim	56
4- Aly Ahmad Mohammad	Rambo	Owner	Hussen	56
5- Mostafa Ibrahim Mostafa	B. Elashra	Owner	Ahmad	54.5
6- Mohammad Salim Kattan	Shamoukh	Owner	A. Amarah	53
7- Mohammad Khalid B. Faleh	Ekasta	Owner	Yousef	50
8- Mansour Mohammad Matar	Saf. Jihad	Owner	Sari	50
9- Mohammad Khalil Maney	W. Hazim	Owner	Kasim	48.5

SECOND RACE 4.30 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1600 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Aly Fares El Saad	H. El Hana	Khairidin	53	53
2- Aly Fares El Saad	A. Meaty	Khairidin	Rasheed	53
3- Nimir El Hmoud	Sanary	Owner	Hary	51.5
4- Nimir El Hmoud	Loah	Owner	Najib	51.5
5- Fawaz Anwar El Shalan	Anis	Mohsin	Zatary	50
6- Kamel West Boharat	Misk	Khairidin	Mostafa	50
7- Abdullah El Dawoud	Shadeed	Owner	50	50
8- Nimir El Hmoud	Khalil	Owner	50	50

THIRD RACE 5.00 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1600 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Mansour Mohammad Matar	Sail Saad	Owner	Fawaz	60
2- W. Asaf & Khalid Iray	Sana	Owner	Rasheed	56
3- Abdulah Mousa Rahhal	N. El Aswad	Owner	Sulman	56
4- Ghalib A. Jabir	Imad	Owner	Ibrahim	56
5- Ahmad Said Rahail	Murleb	Owner	Yousef	53
6- Farhan Falih Oudih	Sail El Arab	Owner	Dalallah	53
7- Sakir Fahad Lawansh	Ghannam	Owner	A. Jabir	52

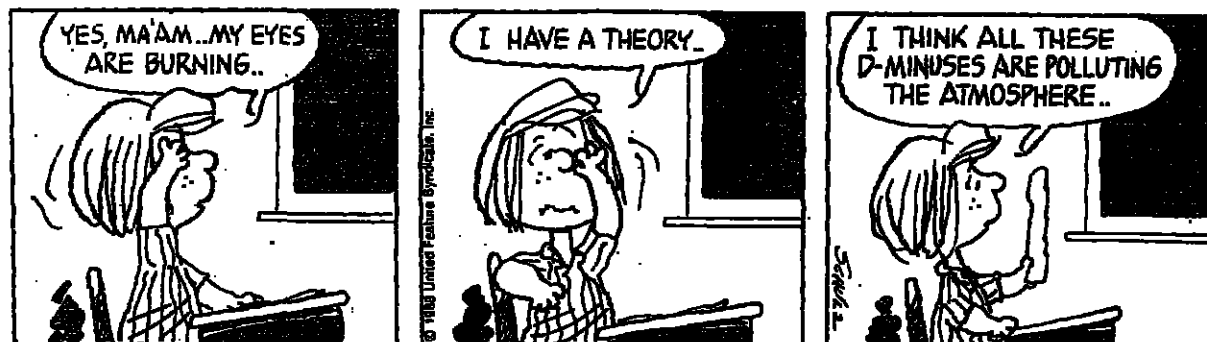
FOURTH RACE 5.30 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1600 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Ibrahim Hraish	Waly	Adnan	Ahmad	58
2- Nawaf Anwar Shalan	Mayzoun	Mohsin	George	55
3- Nimir El Hmoud	Midan	Owner	Hary	55
4- Nimir El Hmoud	Sahil	Owner	Hary	51.5
5- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Mashallah	Abbas	Ibrahim	48.5
6- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Sabalan	Abbas	Fawaz	53
7- Mamdout Anwar Shalan	Izzna	Mohsin	Kasim	50
8- Mansour Anwar Shalan	Saltamih	Mohsin	Zatary	48.5

FIFTH RACE 6.00 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Khalil Haddadin	A. Elzaman	Owner	A. Jabir	58
2- Kamal Wasil Bsharat	H. Elromman	Khairidin	55	55
3- Aly Fares El Saad	Sary	Khairidin	Rasheed	53
4- Aly Fares El Saad	J. Elasad	Khairidin	Mostafa	53
5- Aly Fares El Saad	Saaid Aly	Khairidin	53	53
6- Nimir El Hmoud	Hattab	Owner	Ibrahim	53
7- Nimir El Hmoud	Rum	Owner	Najib	51.5
8- Abdullah Imian	Rowan	Owner	Yousef	51.5
9- Fawaz Anwar Shalan	Abshir	Mohsin	Kasim	50

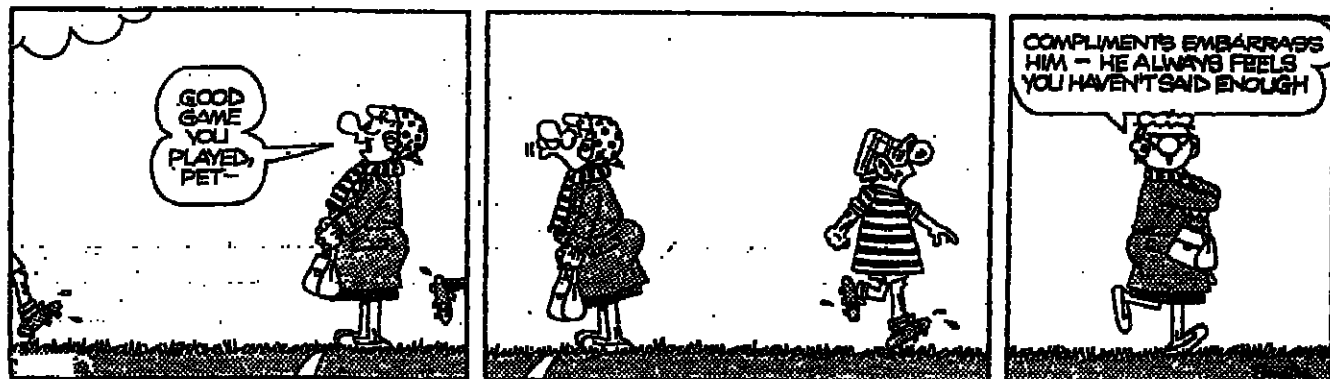
Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



Delhi urges communal restraint after Sikhs escalate bombings

NEW DELHI (R) — The death toll from two powerful time bombs set off by Sikh separatists in the north Indian city of Amritsar rose to at least 27 Wednesday and the New Delhi government appealed for communal restraint.

Home (Interior) Minister Buta Singh said the Sikh militants fighting for an independent homeland in the northern state of Punjab were bent on setting religion against religion. "Communal harmony should be maintained at all costs," he said in an urgent appeal.

The Amritsar bombs exploded simultaneously in a street of predominantly Hindu cloth merchants Tuesday evening as many people were heading to the nearby stock exchange for the latest business news.

At the blast scene later, angry people pelted police with stones and bottles and witnesses said at least six Sikhs were beaten up. Police said Wednesday at least 27 people died in the blast. They said 30 may have been killed, but the repetition of some names on the list of dead left some confusion.

Sikh militants fighting for a homeland they call *Khazstan* (land of the pure) say they aim to provoke anti-Sikh violence.

They say a backlash would force Sikhs elsewhere in India to flee for safety to Punjab, where Sikhs are a bare majority. Hindus, in turn, would flee from rich agricultural state.

More than 2,000 Sikhs were killed in New Delhi in 1984 after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by Sikh bodyguards.

The latest Sikh bombing, aimed at Hindus although Sikhs have also died, has raised fears of a repetition.

In west Delhi, where separatists lobbed a bomb into a food market Monday killing three Hindus, police have banned meetings of more than four people to prevent violence.

The revivalist Hindu Shiv Sena Movement, which has a large following, has called for the army to be sent into Punjab.

The organisation's Punjab leader was killed Sunday, the same day 16 people in neighbouring Haryana State were killed by a bomb thrown into a crowd watching a Hindu epic on television at an electrician's shop.

New Delhi has refused to send in troops in the past. Sikhs are still bitter towards the army after troops stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Sikhdom's holiest shrine in 1984.

More than 1,000 people died in that operation, which led to Gandhi's assassination.

Canada orders eight Soviet diplomats out

OTTAWA (AP) — Eight diplomats from the Soviet Union were ordered out of Canada last week for espionage activities, Canadian press said Tuesday.

The news agency reported that sources said another nine Soviet diplomats who completed their tours of duty within the last six months have been quietly told they are not welcome to return.

The eight who were ordered out included two people from the Soviet embassy in Ottawa and six who had diplomatic status but were based in Montreal, the agency said, adding that all eight have since departed for the Soviet Union.

The other nine, it said, returned home at various times as their tours ended in recent months. It said they have been declared persona non grata, meaning they are not allowed to return to Canada and are not likely to be allowed to take up residence in any other Western country.

Sources said the espionage targets were primarily scientific and technological in nature, but

some were believed to be military, Canadian press continued.

It said the expulsions were not believed to be linked to the filing of charges last week against Stephen Joseph Ratkai, a Nova Scotia of Hungarian descent who was charged under the official secrets act with gathering documents useful to the Soviet Union.

Ratkai was charged following a two-year investigation that centred on classified U.S. military documents believed to come from a submarine-tracking station at Argentina, Newfoundland.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, questioned by reporters on the ouster report at the close of the seven-nation economic summit in Toronto, would not comment on details.

"I will confirm that, indeed, the government of Canada took some action last week in regard to improper and unacceptable behaviour on behalf of the Soviet Union," Mulroney said.

He said the government acted on the basis of information provided by Canadian security officers.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Disarmament talks cost \$7.4 million

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations, teetering on the edge of bankruptcy, is spending almost \$7.4 million on the special session on disarmament that ends this week. A budget document obtained Tuesday by AP estimates the cost of the four-week special General Assembly session at \$4.17 million, a series of preparatory sessions at \$2.67 million, and U.N. payments for travel by delegates from the poorest nations at \$556,500. At the special session itself, the largest single budget item was for documentation — \$1.18 million. Verbatim records of the sessions were estimated to cost another \$1.09 million, while language interpretation during meetings was budgeted at almost \$920,000.

Chief Noriega witness sentenced

MIAMI (AP) — A principal witness against General Manuel Antonio Noriega of Panama has been sentenced to nine years in prison after pleading guilty to drug-smuggling charges, a prosecutor said Tuesday. Floyd Carlton Caceres appeared before the Miami grand jury that indicted Noriega and later testified in Congress. A grand jury is a citizens' panel that decides whether there is enough evidence to charge a person with a crime. Noriega was indicted on drug trafficking charges in February with the help of testimony from Carlton and Jose Blandon, Panama's former consul general in the United States.

Carter works hard in U.S. slums

PHILADELPHIA (R) — Almost eight years after leaving the White House, former President Jimmy Carter was hard at work this week at a decidedly humble location in the heart of one of America's worst urban slums. Carter, whose 1980 bid for a second term was crushed by Ronald Reagan, brought a hammer and nails to help rebuild homes in North Philadelphia, a crime and drug-infested neighbourhood with 10,000 abandoned houses. "I'm here to build houses and to build some hopes," Carter told Reuters as he helped apply siding to a house in a three-day volunteer effort for Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit Christian group that builds and restores low-income housing.

Tests begin on Nigerian waste

LAGOS (R) — Foreign experts made preliminary tests Tuesday to see if Italian toxic waste dumped in Nigeria is radioactive, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported. The discovery of the waste, which Nigeria says was imported with forged documents by an Italian businessman, has strained relations between Italy and Nigeria. Two foreign vessels — one Italian and the other Danish — have been detained in Nigeria in protest at the dumping while many people have also been arrested. Nigeria says those found guilty of importing the waste will face the death sentence. The tests will determine whether there is radioactivity in the 3,800 tonnes of waste, brought into the country in five ships between August 1987 and last month and stored in the small port town of Koko in the southern Bendel State.

'U.S. shuns Afghan role after pullout'

ISLAMABAD (R) — The United States would take care not to become involved in Afghan politics after the withdrawal of Soviet troops from that country, diplomatic sources said.

Washington, which has supplied military aid to Afghan fighters, would be comfortable with any new government emerging after the pullout, convinced it would be opposed to the Soviet Union, the sources said Tuesday.

Some recent press reports have said the United States was giving up a policy-making role it has performed for its ally Pakistan on the Afghan issue. Pakistan also supports the anti-Soviet Mujahideen.

Washington, by avoiding involvement in future Afghan affairs, would allow the Mujahideen to fight among themselves and leave Afghanistan to be ruled by anti-Western politicians, the press reports have said.

But one diplomatic source close to the U.S. embassy here said: "The U.S. realises that it would be crazy to delve into the future politics of Afghanistan."

"It wants Afghans to work out their own future but believes it would be comfortable with any new Afghan government which it sees would be anti-Moscow," the source said.

Western analysts have speculated that the Mujahideen could topple the Soviet-backed Afghan forces within months of the withdrawal of the last Soviet soldier and install their own government.

Afghan President Najibullah says his army can defend the country against the Mujahideen without the Soviet troops if there was no outside intervention.

Muslim students protest in China

PEKING (R) — Hundreds of Muslim students protested against plans to make them share dormitories with non-Muslims in the latest sign of ethnic unrest in China's Xinjiang Province, witnesses said Wednesday.

The protesters from the Turkic Uygur ethnic group took to the streets of the north-western city of Urumqi on two successive days last week. They demanded continued segregation from majority Han Chinese students at Xinjiang University, the region's top college.

Teachers said Han, or ethnic Chinese, students had also complained about the university's plans to end segregation, based partly on Uygur students' religious objections to pork — a

major feature of mainstream Chinese cooking.

The demonstrations were peaceful, the sources said.

A Xinjiang regional government official confirmed that the protests had taken place and said no students were arrested, but declined to give any other details.

Uygur students have sporadically protested against Chinese policies in the remote region, where Muslim ethnic groups are in the majority but most leading Communist Party posts are held by Han Chinese.

The latest demonstration comes amid a sensitive change of policy by the authorities, to impose birth control rules from July 1 on Xinjiang minority groups, which were previously exempt.

Norway minister pledges probe into heavy water

OSLO (R) — Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg, promised Wednesday a full inquiry into Norway's sales of heavy water after a string of allegations that foreign powers had used it to make atomic bombs.

"We will make a full inquiry with the help of the state prosecutor," Stoltenberg told state radio. "I hope we don't export any more heavy water. There have been so many problems, so many question marks which have, quite simply, damaged our image and credibility abroad."

Leading parliamentarians had called Tuesday for an inquiry, following new charges that 15 tonnes of water sold to a West German firm was illegally re-routed to India and used to make atomic weapons.

Professor Gary Milhollin, a U.S. expert on the heavy water trade, told the West German news magazine Der Spiegel that a Duesseldorf-based firm bought the water from Norway and freighted it to India, where it was used to make atomic bombs.

Heavy water, also known as Deuterium oxide, can be a key

ingredient in the manufacture of atomic weapons but is also used in nuclear reactors and scientific research.

Norway has only just resolved a dispute with Israel over inspection rights to 20 tonnes of heavy water sold almost 30 years ago, and has also been embarrassed by allegations that a batch sent to Romania in 1986 was illegally resold.

Industrial giant Norsk Hydro A/S is the sole producer of the water in Norway, which became a leading exporter in the 1950s. Oslo has imposed strict conditions on its resale and use, and Hydro now produces only small amounts.

The allegations concerning India are particularly serious since international regulations forbid the shipment of more than one tonne of heavy water to the country.

India, which detonated its first atomic device in 1974 but has never admitted possessing nuclear weapons, has refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty aimed at halting the spread of such arms.

Dukakis, Jackson confer on vice presidency

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Dukakis met with Jesse Jackson Tuesday and discussed the Democratic vice presidential slot, but both refused to say whether Jackson asked for second billing on the ticket.

Jackson said they discussed the vice presidency "to some measure" during the 40-minute meeting. The black civil rights leader repeated his assertion that "our constituency deserves consideration."

hint of what they discussed. "We talk about lots of things when we talk," Dukakis said at a news conference following the session. "I don't talk about private conversations."

Dukakis repeated earlier statements that he has begun looking at vice presidential nominees but has made no decisions yet.

"The process has now begun. But it's open. There's no short list, or medium list or long list," Dukakis said.

Estonia to bring radical ideas to party meeting

MOSCOW (R) — Delegates from Estonia will bring radical ideas for the future of their Baltic homeland and other Soviet republics to a Communist Party conference opening in Moscow next week, according to the local press.

The June 18 edition of the youth daily *Molodyozh Estonii*, which reached Moscow Tuesday, carried the text of proposals which include making Estonia economically autonomous and politically much more independent from Moscow.

The document is potentially political dynamite at a time when

the Kremlin is facing serious ethnic unrest in Transcaucasia and rumblings of discontent in several republics from Moldavia to the three Baltic states.

In an interview with the Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* published Tuesday, new Estonian Communist Party leader Vaino Vaelas said the platform was a "unique document discussed by the whole people and incorporating the ideas and aspirations of a broad spectrum of public opinion."

This comment confirmed indications that Vaelas, appointed last week to replace veteran party

leader Karl Vaino, was a liberal likely to be more sympathetic to the ideas of leading intellectuals who have said that small but efficient Estonia suffers from overcentralised direction from Moscow.

On the economic front, the delegates' proposals called for full economic autonomy for Estonia in the civilian sector from 1990.

Estonia and the other 14 Soviet republics should decide their own prices, tariffs, salaries and finance policies on the basis of their own incomes, the document said.

Karabakh seeks interim independence

MOSCOW (AP) — The parliament of Nagorno-Karabakh asked Moscow officials Tuesday to take control of their region away from a southern republic until a dispute over its jurisdiction is resolved, a source said.

The region of 160,000 people has been part of Azerbaijan since 1923, but Armenians want it annexed to their neighbouring republic.

Nagorno-Karabakh's Soviet of People's Deputies voted Feb. 20 to request annexation with Armenia, but Azerbaijan's government refused to give up the territory.

On Tuesday, the regional body tried another tactic: Appealing to the Central Supreme Soviet in Moscow to make the area independent of any republic, according to Koryun Nahabedian, an Armenian activist in Moscow who spoke to Nagorno-Karabakh residents familiar with the decision.

Nahabedian, who has led several Armenian demonstrations in Moscow, said the independence would last until the Supreme Soviet, the country's legislature, decided whether to keep Nagorno-Karabakh in Azerbaijan or give it to Armenia.

Most of the Nagorno-Karabakh's residents are Armenians.

a predominantly Christian people. Most Azerbaijanis are Muslims. A resident of Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh's regional centre, said the "whole city" of 60,000 people had gathered outside government buildings to await their legislature's decision. The resident, speaking by telephone on condition of anonymity, said the legislature rejected a proposal to secede from Azerbaijan without the republic's consent.

The legislature appealed to residents who have been striking since May 23 to return to their jobs.

Rangoon quiet after riots

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Quiet returned to the streets of Rangoon Wednesday after authorities enforced restrictions following anti-government rioting in which at least six people were killed and two dozen injured.

The government ordered a 6 p.m. (1130 GMT) to 6 a.m. (2300 GMT) curfew and banned public meetings and demonstrations after some 5,000 students and other protesters fought stone-throwing duels with riot police Tuesday.

The government radio said the restrictions would last until August 19.

Students from the Rangoon Arts, and Science University surged into the streets after authorities closed the school and other institutions where students had peacefully demonstrated dur-

ing the past week. The demonstrations called for the release of detained students and legalisation of student unions.

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S. Africa parliament holds First multiracial debate

CAPE TOWN (R) — Mixed-race coloured politicians heckled a speaker from the far-right white Conservative Party and attacked its policies Tuesday when South Africa's parliament held its first multiracial debate.

Allan Hendrickse, leader of the coloured Labour Party, said the Conservative Party's attitude towards political reform was an insult to South Africans dedicated to peaceful change.

It was the first time that whites had to listen to the views of non-white members. The debate took place a day after the government announced that the first black cabinet minister could be appointed by the end of the year.

"If they (the Conservatives) are not prepared to accept the challenges of today, they have only one choice: To leave the precincts of this building. I don't believe they have any contribution to make," Hendrickse said. Members of the Conservative

Party, which rejects racial integration, looked on impassively as Hendrickse spoke.

White, Indian and coloured members sat down together in a futuristic new chamber to discuss proposals for a multiracial national council which would look at ways to give the voteless black majority a voice in government.

South Africa's tricameral parliament, introduced in 1984 as one of President P.W. Botha's cautious apartheid reforms, has separate chambers for the white, Indian and coloured minorities. Blacks are excluded.

Until now, the different races have met together only on ceremonial occasions. Tuesday's meeting was the first in which they jointly debated legislation.

Legislators will return to their separate chambers to vote, preventing opposition parties from combining to overrule the government.

Taiwan tourists happily but wearily flock to the mainland

By Mark o'Neill
Reuters

WUXI, China — "Thousands of people from Taiwan, barred from China for nearly 40 years, have been receiving red carpet treatment on the mainland since a travel ban was lifted last year."

But many remain wary of Peking's political motives in making them feel so welcome.

Official Chinese figures show 140,000 Taiwanese have applied to visit the mainland since November and more than 65,000 have made the trip. It was in November that the government in Taipei lifted the ban in force since 1949.

"People are very warm to us. We have a common language, so we have a special feeling we do not have in other countries," he said.

"But behind this cordiality is a motive. China wants our money, our investment and, eventually, reunification. We must be careful."

The nationalist government fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war with the communists in which millions died. The two governments, which both claim to be the sole legal government of China, are technically still at war.

Thousands of families were separated, and many Taiwanese risked making the trip back to the mainland without official sanction, usually through Hong Kong.

Taiwan lifted its ban after pressure from veteran soldiers eager to visit their ancestral home before they died and with the confidence born of the island's economic prosperity.

Originally, permission was given to those who could show they had relatives on the mainland — but many of those coming now are native Taiwanese with no family ties.

Now, Taipei is planning to open its borders for the first time to a limited number of Chinese visitors under strict conditions, possibly only to attend funerals of family members in Taiwan.

In China, a saleswoman at the Jiling, Nanking's most expensive hotel, said "The Taiwanese patriots spend like Japanese."

"They buy silk clothes, Chinese medicines, liquor and local specialties. We welcome them," she said.

Outside the hotel entrance, Nanking residents dressed in shabby blue and grey suits stopped on their bicycle to stare in amazement at the visitors from Taiwan sporting designer shirts, gold watches and laden with gifts.

China is pulling out all the stops for the visitors from Taiwan.

Banners proclaim "Welcome Taiwan compatriots" at airports. Special ticket counters have been set up at airports and stations and state shops offer them discounts.

At Wuxi railway station, a sign invites the Taiwan visitors to rest in a first class waiting room. The sign is written in traditional Chinese characters still used in Taiwan instead of the simplified system used on the mainland.

One woman in her 50s said she was returning to her ancestral home in Zhejiang to visit the grave of her father who died last year.

"I saw him in 1985 for the first time in 36 years. I recognised him at once. But he wanted proof. When I prayed at the ancestral home, then he believed I was his daughter," she said.

"I had to register with the local police but then we were left alone," she said.

A trader in his 30s said he was also going to his ancestral home in Zhejiang. "I was born in Taiwan, so I know none of these relatives. I have no feeling toward them. Only my parents do." He said there was a political motive behind all the smiles.

"Direct trade will come in three to five years. But we must not rely on China too much. We must keep ourselves strong," he said.

For one man in his 70s, sporting a baseball cap, it was enough to be back in Nanking, where he studied in the 1930s.

"Then it was war," he said, standing in the lobby of a Nanking Hotel, formerly a guest house reserved for top cadres and now a tourist hotel.

"Now it is peaceful. This is the first step. What will happen in the future I don't know. But here I am, in peace. That is an achievement," he said with a big smile.

COLUMN

Dutch prepare for mass toilet flush

AMSTERDAM (R) — Authorities in this low-lying nation protected by dikes are taking special water precautions during a soccer match Tuesday — when the Dutch will flush their toilets at the same time. A Dutch water authority ordered work to stop on a pipe project, fearing that live television coverage of the game with consequent mass, synchronised toilet-flushing would put pressure on the water system.

The southern Dutch province of Brabant said work on the pipe was being interrupted between early evening and midnight during a semi-final match between the Netherlands and West Germany in the European soccer championships in West Germany.

"We have learnt from experience that a lot of people go to the toilet during and immediately after an important televised match," a spokesman said. "That puts pressure on the water system. We postponed the work until after midnight in case the game went into extra time and a penalty shoot-out."

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